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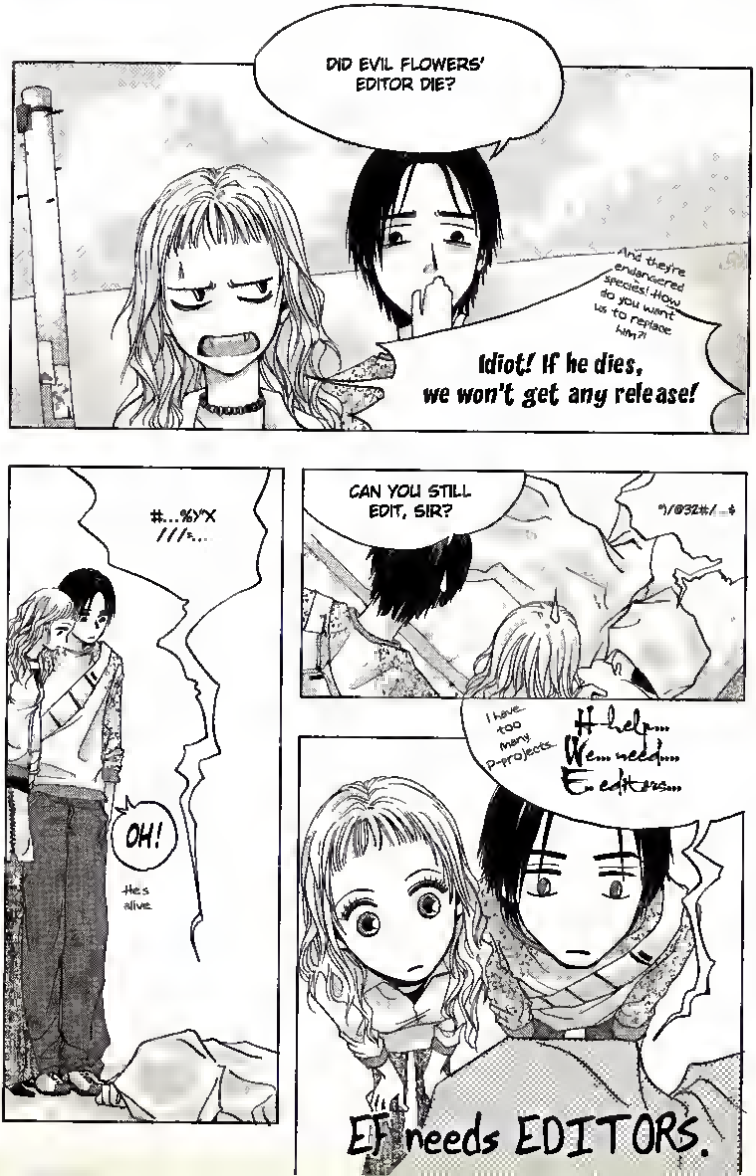
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And they're endangered species! How do you want us to replace him?!
Idiot! If he dies, we won't get any release!
#...%)*X ///...
OH!
He's alive
CAN YOU STILL EDIT, SIR?
*)/@32#:/_+
I have too many projects.
H-help... We...need... E-editors...
EF needs EDITORS.

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Honey Bitter⑤

ある日、デート中に尾行されていることに気付いた珠里。尾行依頼者の正体と目的は？　慶太、史己らオフィス・Sの面々と共に、舞台は自然の豊かな珠里の縁の地へ！

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作者のことば

「またご無沙汰になってしまって申し訳ありませぬ。。5巻では、事件よりもキャラにスポットを多めに当ててみました。あと、スクリーントーンをほぼフルデジタルにしてみました。パソコンでトーン貼る作業が新鮮で、意外にも、ちょっと楽しいです。左手でできるしね♪」

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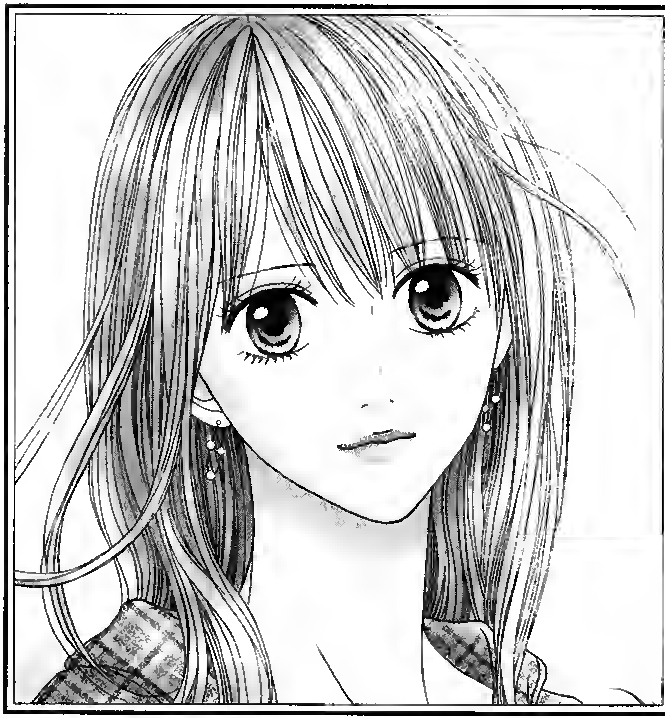

Shuri, who has ESP, works at her aunt's detective agency 'Office S'. As her collegues, she has Riki, her ex-boyfriend, and Youta who is in love with her.

She had been suffering of philophobia from her past with Riki until she got exposed to Youta's sincere love. She gradually opened her heart and started to go out with him.

Meanwhile, they took on a personal protection of a prestigious professor. However, the hotel was seized by a terrorist group and the situation developed into a serious incident. She heard the desperate voices of the hostages' minds and paired up with Riki, the cause of her trauma. The member from Office S supported them and brought a solution. She started to trust Riki as a colleague after she got over the big incident.

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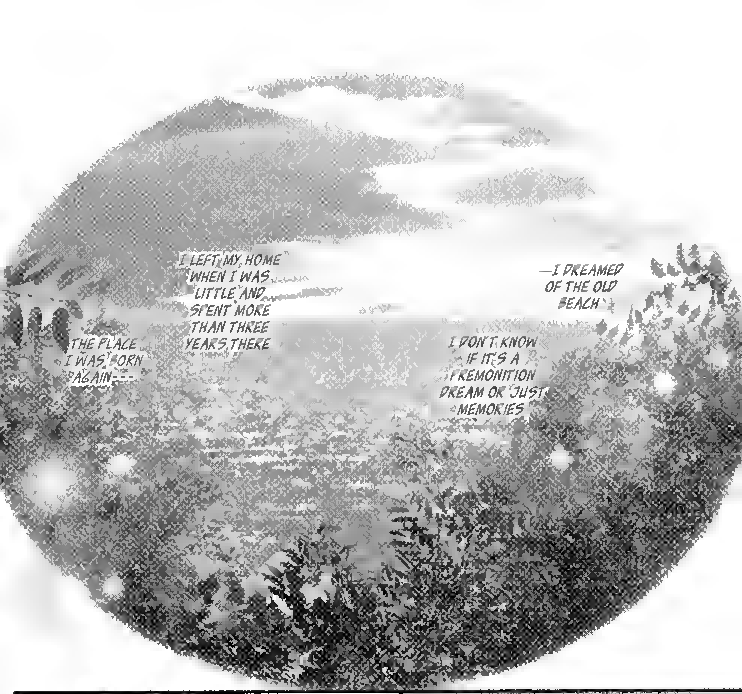
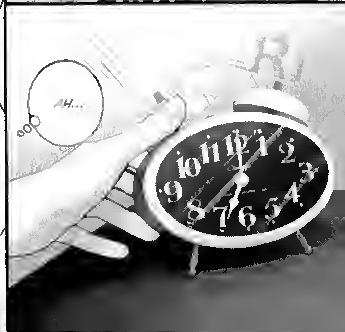

I LEFT MY HOME WHEN I WAS LITTLE AND SPENT MORE THAN THREE YEARS THERE
—I DREAMED OF THE OLD BEACH
THE PLACE I WAS BORN AGAIN—
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A REMONITION DREAM OR JUST MEMORIES

I... FEEL LIKE GOING TO THE SEA

RI RI RI RI


AH...

Office S
Eh
THE SEA?!
YEAH. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON THE NEXT DAY OFF?
I HAD A SUDDEN DESIRE TO GO THERE.
COOL! LET'S GO!

Alright I have to review for it!
Driver's License Exam Tickets
Cheer for me!
OH MY GOD! SHURI-SAN ASKED ME OUT...
AND IF I PASS TOMORROW'S FINAL EXAM, I CAN DRIVE TOO!
OH, I KNOW! YOU'RE TAKING IT TOMORROW GOOD LUCK!
THANKS!

Yuuta's Previous Story ☆
I had been worrying every single day if she would drift away from me...
What a relief
Ah! Thank god!
SHE IS SO NICE AND GIVES ME HER HOME COOKING. SHE NEVER ALLOWS ME IN HER ROOM, THOUGH. BUT AT THE FRONT DOOR, WITH A TUPPER.
...Because I pushed my luck and touched her last time...?
After that, the date on the rooftop was cancelled
Only for 5 few minutes?
Can I touch you?
No! Never!
Kotoha-chi is too much different...

I'M BACK
IT WAS A BUMMER. I'VE HAD IT!
HOW'S IT GOING?

BUT IT'S STILL CAUSING A GREAT FLUTTER EVERY DAY.
KIND OF.
I BROUGHT YOU SOME TEA
THEY QUESTIONED YOU AGAIN?
THANKS.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE GOT INVOLVED WITH SUCH A MAJOR INCIDENT.
TERRORIST ATTACK ON N.I HOTEL
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS THERE.
TWO WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE 'THAT' INCIDENT HAPPENED.
I'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY CONTROLLING TRAFFIC.
OH, THAT'S TERRIBLE.
MA... MANAGER!
HMM... TWO OF THEM HEVEN'T BEEN ARRESTED YET...
KATAOKA DRAGGED OUT AND GOT THUNDER FOR A SECOND.
AN OWL ?
FINALLY, YOU GOT A DIRECT PHONE CALL FROM THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, NOT A SECRETARY...
HE SAYS HE WANTS YOU BACK AS HIS BODYGUARD...
OH NO! YOU TOLD HIM IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?
YES. AS I WAS TOLD...
WHO IS SHE, REALLY?
IS SHE ASSIGNED AS THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER?!
SHE USED TO BE A SUPER-ELITE WHEN SHE WAS A DETECTIVE, SO...
RRRR...
OH! THE PHONE IS AGAIN.

SECRET MISSIONS THAT SHE CAN'T EVEN TELL HER FAMILY ABOUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER EITHER
IT SEEMS SHE USED TO DO THINGS LIKE
WOW! SHE'S SO COOL--!
MANAGER! THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR YOU THIS TIME!
TELL HIM I'M NOT IN THE OFFICE!
I'M OFF! TO ESTE!
Mashiba give me a ride!
DASH~
ESTE?!
NOW LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!
Turn
OH? IS SHE ANGRY?
Excited
HMMM..
BECAUSE SHE LOOKS LIKE SHU!!-SAN! ♡
I GUESS I WOULD FALL IN LOVE IF MANAGER WAS MUCH YOUNGER! ♡
COME ON.
AS FOR ME,
I THOUGHT I WANTED TO LIVE EVERY DAY TO THE FULLEST--
AFTER THAT INCIDENT PUT ME IN DANGER OF DEATH.
WHY AM I PISSED NOW?
--AGAINST MY WISH, WELL,
I KNOW I CAN'T GROW UP FASTER

Sparkle
SHUP! OYOKAWA
DRIVING LICENSE
But,
And--
I think I gained more confidence in my work...
I FEEL I CAN DO ANYTHING NOW!
The long-awaited driving license!
I FINALLY GOT IT ! I'VE BEEN TO A HELLISH SCHOOL SINCE THEN !
KAHO-SAN? YEAH, I GOT IT!
He he!
HEY, CAN I BORROW A COMPANY CAR ON THE NEXT DAY OFF?
YUP BUT IS IT OKAY IF IT'S NOT MY CAR?
I'M TOO SCARED TO DRIVE YOURS!
I HAVE TO SHOW THIS TO YOUTA
Right a Picture! ♫
SNAP
AH I'M FINALLY FREE FROM THAT TRAIN I HATE ! AND FROM THE NASTY INSTRUCTOR, TOO !
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO OFFERS...

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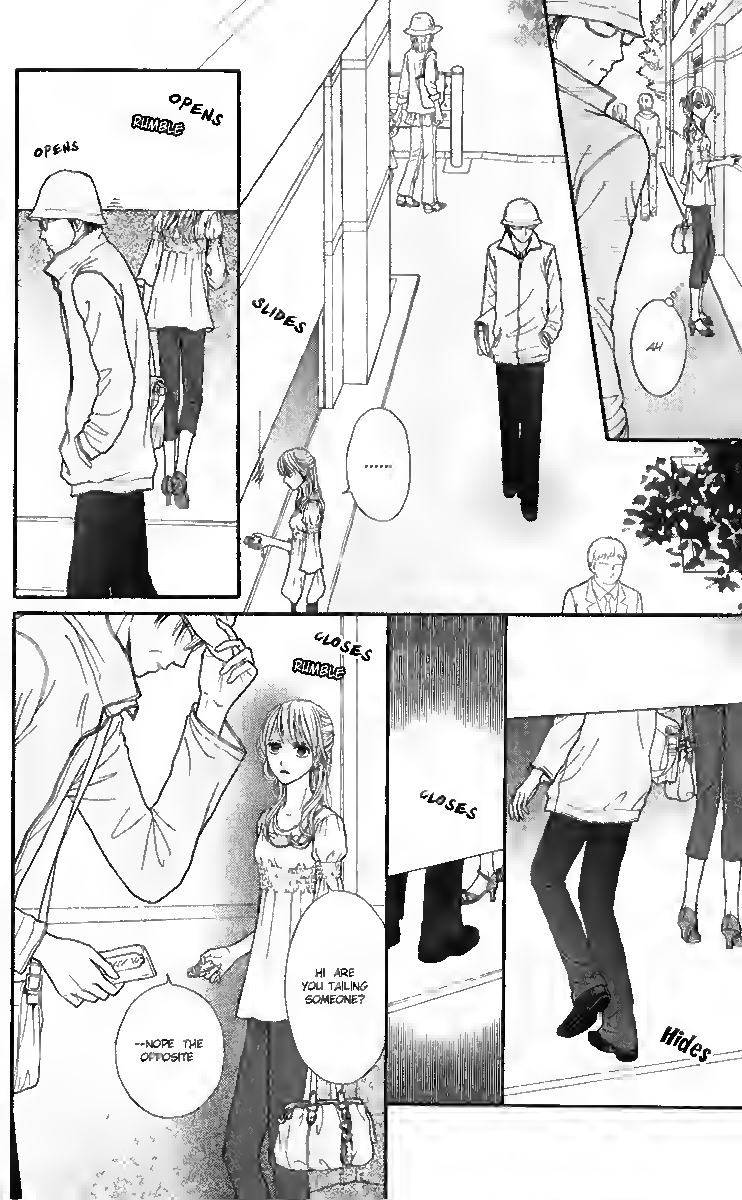
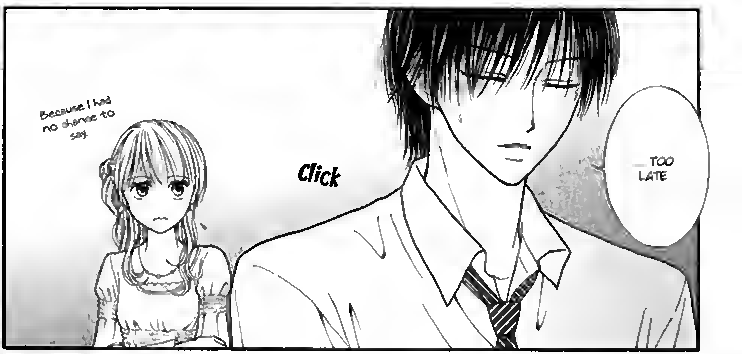

OPENS
RUMBLE
OPENS
SLIDES
.....
AH
CLOSES
RUMBLE
CLOSES
HI ARE YOU TAILING SOMEONE?
--NOPE THE OPPOSITE
Hides

ANY IDEA?
...TOO MANY
IF I'M TRACKED AGAIN I'LL SHAKE HIM OFF AND TAIL HIM I DON'T HAVE TIME TODAY
WIPE
WIPE
I DISGUISED MYSELF ON MY WAY HERE AND THREW HIM OFF THE TRACK
EH...
I WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY SOMEONE SO
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TOO
IF TWO MISSING TERRORISTS AT SEA ARE STILL ALIVE
THEY'LL HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST US
YEAH I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE MANAGER.
WELL EVERY TIME A CASE IS SOLVED WE EARN THE HATRED...
IT MAY BE BECAUSE WE'RE BEING EXPOSED TO RISK ALL THE TIME
AH... KINDA THERE'S NO END
OPENS
HE.
HEY!
I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TELL YOU!



SLAM

That person is getting to be a respectable co-worker

I can talk with him in the same way as others,

and I'm not scared anymore...

I'm okay now

Yeah

Yes! I won!
(Cheer)
He only has a motorbike license.
And that person...
I don't know much, but for some reason,
Grade
he doesn't have a driver's license. It's inappropriate for an investigator!
VIBRATE
Oh!
Same goes for you. You didn't have it until now!
YOUTA
CONGRATULATIONS!
THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTO OF THE LICENSE! IT CAME OUT WELL.
MINE'S JUST LIKE A WANTED CRIMINAL...
THEN YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE NOW!
I CAN'T SLEEP JUST THINKING OF THE SEA!
I FELL ASLEEP AT SCHOOL...

14 *T/N: "Han" means "San" in the Kyoto accent and usually Maiko and Geiko(Japanese traditional dancing-girls) use it when they call other's name. Probably he just wants to call her name just for fun.

EHHH?!
WHEN CAN I GET A REST, THEN?!
Sob
Sob
VROOOOOM
Sniff
IT LOOKS LIKE THE LIGHTS DON'T TURN RED AT ALL...?
VROOM
AH, CHANGE LANES BEFORE YOU HIT THE SEVENTH TRAFFIC LIGHT...
WHICH WAY?! QUICK!
Eh?!
WELL, RIGHT... NO, LEFT!
LET'S I TAKE TURNS DRIVING YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTIME
Okay.
WELL, CAN YOU TAKE OVER IT NOW?
YUP! TURN ON YOUR HARZARDS
CAN'T YOU SPEAK CLEARLY?!
LEFT, LEFT! SORRY BECAUSE YOU ARE SO PANICKED I SAID IT WRONG
LUCKY YOU! YOU GOT ALL GREEN
♫
SCRATCH
.....
SLINK
SLINK
SLINK
SMOOTH
VROOM
WELL, YOU JUST GOT A LICENSE SO IT'S NATURAL
You just have to get used to it gradually on a country road.
Yeah.
Oh no. SHE IS DOWN NOW...
But some say her lanquidness is just like Shuri-san, so.
DOWN
I NEVER THOUGHT I COULDN'T DRIVE OUTSIDE OF A DRIVING SCHOOL
I WONDER HOW I GOT A LICENSE

VROOOM~
Shoot! HE DRIVES WELL...
But he's not a veteran.
THE WAY HE SPEEDS-UP AND SLOWS-UP ARE SO SMOOTH! HIS HANDLING TOO...
(Getting to be a silly couple.)
Eu
YOU'RE SO CUTE SHURI-SAN!
Hua?
I'M NOT CUTE!
I GET SICK JUST THINKING OF REPAIR THE CHARGE!
Oh no!
VROOOM~
OH
SHURI-HAN? WHY DO YOU KEEP LOOKING AT ME?
GLARING LOOKS
OOPS, SORRY
YOU MAKE ME SO NERVOUS...
I USUALLY
DON'T LOOK DIRECTLY AT FEOFLE WITH MY EYES
She looks with like energy mainly.
I DIDN'T NOTICED THAT...
HE HAS SUCH A NICE FACE
(They're absolutely a silly couple.)

T/N: She probably wants to say that she normally doesn't look into the eyes of the person she talks with.

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I WAS FASCINATED WITH YOUR DRIVING ♡

You're relaxed.

MAYBE, IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT AT WORK.

Yeah?

IS THERE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU?

AH-HA! THAT'S COOL! ♥

VROOOOM-

...SORRY FOR NOT HAVING TIME.

TO SEE YOU ON THE ROOFTOP.

AH...

I WAS BUSY WITH GOING TO DRIVING SCHOOL AND POLICE SCHOOL EVERY DAY...

I WAS JUST AVOIDING YOU

SOR?

!!

I KNEW IT...!

—

NO...

IT'S NOT... I'D BEEN TO SCHOOL BUT...

Pat
YOU CAN KEEP GOING AT YOUR OWN PACE...
NEVER MIND
And during outside during daytime is healthier!
I UNDER-STAND
IT'S OKAY
SORRY
---THE TRUTH IS
I'D LIKE TO BE WITH YOU MORE...
EVEN ALL DAY LONG IF I COULD.

YOUTA, DON'T CHANGE THE SPEED AND LISTEN UP.
WHAT?
TWO CARS BEHIND US
THERE'S A CAR FOLLOWING US
EH...?!
ACCELERATING
ACCELERATING
IS IT STILL COMING?
IT IS! TWO CARS BEHIND US!
Ah.
IT'S TURNED YELLOW!
DON'T STOP! RUN THE LIGHT!
VROOOOM
--IS IT CHECKING ON ME..?
OK, NIJIHARA--?
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?
MM... SHAKE IT OFF OR...
HAVE A NEAR MISS AND UNMASK IT...?
I DON'T WANNA WASTE OUR HOLIDAY!
Oh, YEAH... BUT... IS IT OKAY?
OF COURSE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE SEA! LET'S DO IT QUICKLY!
SO... OUR DATE'S INTERRUPTED...?!
I'm not gonna cry!
OH, WELL.
I GUESS WE SHOULD SHAKE IT OFF!

KAN
KAN
KAN
KAN
DARN
WE GONNA BE CAUGHT UP IF WE STOP!
AAH- RAILROAD CROSS-ING!
PLEASE WAIT
Please don't copy me!
I'm sorry!
VROOOOOM
OKAY! YOU'RE AN AMAZING DRIVER!
WE DID IT?!
Oh my gosh! I'm a safe driver
NOT YET! WE HAVE TO GET A LEAD!
The sea sea !
Yes~!
Did we do it? We shake it off?
Whoa~!
Go go!
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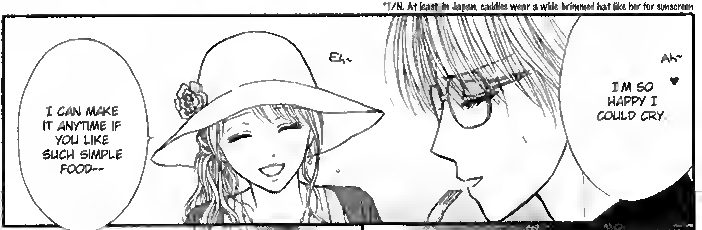
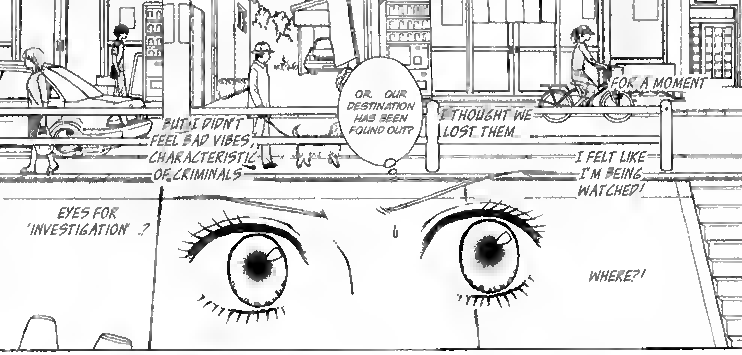
SHAAAA
You wanna eat lunch now?
Yup
AAH JUST LIKE I THOUGHT,
DATING DURING THE DAY IS GREAT ♡
SHURI-SAN UNDER THE SUN IS BEAUTIFUL, TOO FU FU
Kuso, we made it~!
Good job!

Protection from the sun.
SHE'S WEARING WEIRD STUFF ARE YOU A CADDIE?"
Fu fu fu.
HEY YOU'RE SAYING EVERYTHING OUT LOUD... IS IT OKAY?
YEAH. I AM SO WHAT?
YUUUM! SHUJI-SAN KNOWS HOW TO COOK!
NO I JUST STARTED TO COOK FOR MYSELF
I THINK IT'S GETTING BETTER
Before it was terrible
YOU COOK?
NEVER. WELL I TRY. BUT...

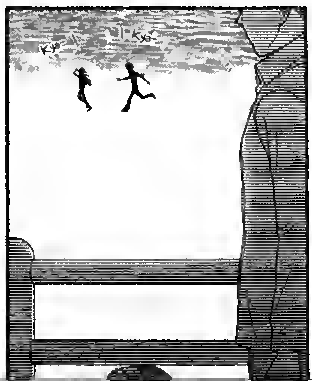
*1/N. At least in Japan, caddies wear a wide brimmed hat like her for sunscreen




FOR A MOMENT
I THOUGHT WE LOST THEM
I FELT LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED!
OR, OUR DESTINATION HAS BEEN FOUND OUT?
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL BAD VIBES, CHARACTERISTIC OF CRIMINALS
EYES FOR 'INVESTIGATION'..?
WHERE?!

LET'S MAKE A PLAN
—NO... IT'S ANNOYING WHY DON'T WE JUST SEE WHO IT IS?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WE SHAKE IT OFF AGAIN?

IF MY INTUITION IS RIGHT
THAT PERSON ACCOMPANYING A DOG IS FISHY... THE MOVEMENT...
WE'RE BEING TAILED
EH?!
Damn! Don't disturb us!
FROM THE WAY HE'S STARING AT US, IT MAY BE A PERSON IN THE SAME TRADE...
I WONDER IF SHE IMPROVED HER ABILITY OR IS SHE A BIT DRUNK?
For real?
But, is it possible for a detective to bring a dog?

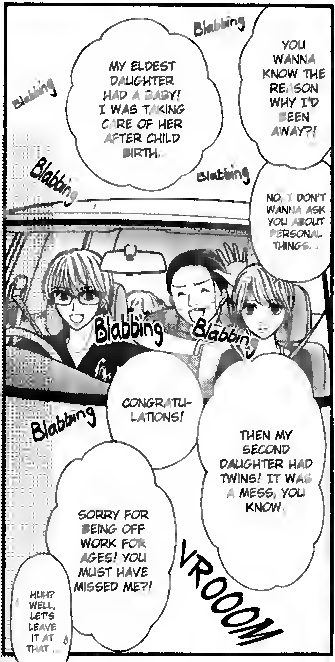


AHA HA HA!
Wait, honey!
Catch me if you can!
Wait~!
FU FU FU!
WHAT A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY COUPLE
FU FU FU!
Come on! Try me!
I'll smack your butt~!
AHA HA HA!
My honey!
They run so fast
I'VE NEVER SEEN A SLY THAT DOES THE CHASING AT THE BEACH
Wait wait~
WELL GIVE IT A SHOT
IT MUST NOT WORK FOR A TRAINED DOG
I'll try
Go
YOUTA'S STRATEGY IN PROGRESS
FRIED CHICKEN
SAUSAGE
FU HMPH
Such stuff
Please pay attention to Shun's unexpected dexterity

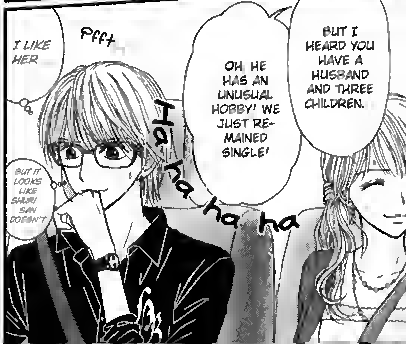
Yay!
Wow, doggie, wait!
DASH
Give it to me!
WHOA?!
HEY, WAIT!
THUD
Wow!
IT MEANS, YOU'RE TANUMA-SAN?!
DARN WE'D BEEN PERFECTLY HIDING TILL A MINUTE AGO
I KNEW HIS STUPIDITY WAS INCURABLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
YOU'RE HOPELESS, LUKE
..EH?
EH?
OH... ARE YOU LUKE?
PANT
EH...
YOU'RE LUKE, AREN'T YOU?!
WAIT...
YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
MUNCH
MUNCH

I'M SEIKO TANUMA, A PART-TIME DETECTIVE FROM OFFICE S
I'VE MET YOU ONCE, SHURI-CHAN! BEFORE GOING TO N.Y.
TODAY
ALL
KOUNO
TANUMA
OFF
TRAINING
SAHO-SAN? WE CAUGHT TANUMA-SAN. CAN YOU LET THEM FINISH THE MISSION?
OH, YEAH! A PERSON NEVER SHOWED UP AT OUR OFFICE!
OH MY GOSH... SHE FAILED...
THE TARGET IS ME? WHO'S THE CLIENT?
OF COURSE, I CAN'T SAY THAT. YOU KNOW, IT'S CONFIDENTIAL.
IF MANAGER GIVES ME PERMISSION, I'LL TELL YOU.
"Tanuma-san's rental car's been already returned.
WELL SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOUR DATE!
NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL HA HA
HA HA HA
Are you crying? Because I ate your meat?

I FIND IT HARD TO GET ALONG WITH THIS PERSON.
WELL, YOU KNOW... I DARE NOT TO MAKE FRIENDS...
ONE IS ENOUGH...
You've got only one friend, huh?
YOU'RE ASKING TOO MUCH! IF YOU SAY I DON'T LIKE A MAN, YOU CAN'T MAKE EVEN A GIRL FRIEND!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT A MAN-HATER ANYMORE.
AH... WELL... I'M JUST IN THERAPY.


Blabbing
MY ELDEST DAUGHTER HAD A BABY! I WAS TAKING CARE OF HER AFTER CHILD BIRTH.
YOU WANNA KNOW THE REASON WHY I'D BEEN AWAY?!
NO, I DON'T WANNA ASK YOU ABOUT PERSONAL THINGS...
CONGRATULATIONS!
THEN MY SECOND DAUGHTER HAD TWINS! IT WAS A MESS, YOU KNOW.
SORRY FOR BEING OFF WORK FOR AGES! YOU MUST HAVE MISSED ME?!
VROOM!!
HUH? WELL, LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT...

I'M DISLIKED BY MEN!!
AS FOR ME, ALL THE TIME,
Points
...Pfft
I DOUBT IT'S A POINT TO BE PROUD OF...


I LIKE HER...
Pfft
OH, HE WAS AN UNUSUAL HOBBY! WE JUST REMAINED SINGLE!
BUT I HEARD YOU HAVE A HUSBAND AND THREE CHILDREN.
Ha ha ha ha
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHUJI SAN DOESN'T

NUMA-SAN.
NIJIHARA-KUN NOTICED YOUR TRACKING, TOO!
You lost him on the way, right?
I see!
YOUR JUNIOR STAFF IS SUPERIOR TO ME!
The future of the company'll be secure!
TL/N: Manager/Kouchou-san calls Tanuma-san by her nickname, "Numa-san".
You got caught by two staff
BUT YOU LOST YOUR TOUCH, HUH?
YUP... SORRY I'M A BIT RUSTY AND I GAINED 12 KILOS DURING HOLIDAYS, TOO!
KUBO KUN, YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF HER TRACKING DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, RIGHT?
Katoishi-san too
I WAS BEING FOLLOWED, TOO?!
Shock!
Inside a Plunder
THIS IS TANUMA-SAN. SHE WORKS AS A PART-TIMER NOW, BUT SHE'S A KEEN DETECTIVE!
SO, WHAT ABOUT THIS DOG...
OH, LUKE!
GRRROOWL...
HEY!
I sound the wrong kind of dog?
Aha ha ha ha
Flabby!
Hahaha
CLAP CLAP
I THOUGHT I WAS HIDING WELL. BUT ACTUALLY THE FLAB PROTRUDED!
A Goody Body!
PLEASE GET ADAPTED TO YOUR NEW BODY OR LOSE WEIGHT QUICKLY.
Flabby~

Even a dog attacks her
UNIMPORTANT
UNIMPORTANT
UNIMPORTANT
<LUKE'S SILLY HISTORY?
HE'S DUMB
He really looks like a golden retriever when he was a puppy
BUT THEY FOUND OUT THAT HE'S ACTUALLY A MIXED DOG, SO HE FAILED THE POLICE DOG EXAM. SO I ADOPTED HIM.
HE RECEIVED THE TRAINING FOR A GOLDEN RETRIEVER AT A POLICE DOG TRAINING SCHOOL.
YEAH HE WAS SO DUMB
I've seen him only a few times.
Does he behave so well?
What did I say wrong?
TANI-MA-SAN'S BEEN KEEPING HIM AS OUR INVESTIGATOR DOG, BUT--

SO, HE'D BEEN AT A LOCAL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL
He stays still
He looks smart, too!
LOOK AT HIM! HE'S A GOOD BOY NOW!
I KNOW... BUT
SO... WHO'S THE CLIENT OF THIS INVESTIGATION...?
WHEN HE LOSES HIS CONCENTRATION HE RETURNS TO A SILLY DOG.
He's attached to Yuuta.
WOOF!
Nice to meet you!
Nice, to meet you!
Woah
THUD
I get it! Come on, Luke!
Thank you for the food!
Oh, THAT IS...

MANAGER'S SISTER MEANS... COULD IT BE...
OKAY...
YUP. SHE'S SHUJIN'S MOTHER.
.....
SORRY. ASK MY SIS I ALREADY CALLED HER
EH...
SHE'S IN THE COUNSELING ROOM
WHOA!
Mother?!
Hey it's been a while
You look like a normal dad
Katsuishi we worry about you
SHOULD I GREET HER?!
KNOCK KNOCK
Creak
HI.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
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GREETING CHEERFULLY IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THAT ATMOSPHERE...?
Are you still going the welcome?
WE'RE COMING IN, TOO!
SHE'S THE SAME AS EVER...
NOT YOU IS IT?
WELL MY CLIENT IS...
SHE TURNS 90 THIS YEAR. SHE'S GOTTEN A BIT SENILE AND LOOKS WEAKENED.
'GREAT-GRANDMA'! HOW'S SHE DOING?!
MY GRANDMOTHER, AND SHURI'S GREAT GRANDMOTHER
I'M... ASKED TO SEE YOU IN HER PLACE.
FOR 'THE BEHAVIOR RESEARCH OF SHURI OTOKAWA IN RECENT YEARS'...
THE CLIENT IS... 'CHITOSE MIKAGA'
Oh,
OOH
SHE HAS ESP, SAME AS SHURI
There've been other mind-readers!

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GREAT GRANDMA HOW S HER CONDITION?
WELL... SHE SOMETIMES GETS SICK AND STAYS IN HER BED
I'VE BEEN TOLD TO BRING YOU TO HER AS SOON AS THE CURRENT ISSUE IS CLOSED
...TS THAT SO...
GREAT GRAND-MA...
I WONDER
IF SHE H..S BEEN CALLING ME...
OKAY I'M COMING

AND... THERE'S ANOTHER URGENT REQUEST.
SHE SAYS THERE'S A SUSPICIOUS PERSON GOING IN AND OUT OF THE PREMISES.
AND WANTS EXCELLENT BODYGUARDS THAT CAN SURVEY AND CAPTURE THAT PERSON IN CASE OF AN ATTACK
EH.
IT SOUNDS SERIOUS...
WHAT ABOUT YOU KATAI-SHI-SAN—
IT MUST BE HARD IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE
OH, YES. I HAVE TO STAY IN THE CITY FOR A FEW DAYS...
THEN ARE YOU AVAIL-ABLE? NIJI-HARA-KUN.
AH, I CAN GET TO WORK THE DAY AFTER TMMORROW.
OK.
AND AS A DRIVER AND A SUPPORTER, KURO-KUN OH, YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL, RIGHT?

NOPE I'M NOT GONNA RECEIVE NEW REQUESTS, SO NEVER MIND
CAN I GO WITH THEM? OR ARE YOU SHORT-HANDED?
LUKE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU AT "THAT" PLACE
I'm coming too!
...OT IT? THEN, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!
That's perfectly okay
THE SCHOOL? I'M FINE WITH IT IT?
「That was very brief--!」
...I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
ALL RIGHT. I'LL SEND MY STAFF THERE IN TWO DAYS
BYE
TAKE CARE
Kuhe Family
(They're all cheerful)
Mom
Am i too close to my family?

YOU!A!
DO YOU WANT THE LEFT OVERS FROM LUNCH?
EA
YES! I WANT THEM!
Of course!
THEN CAN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP?
MY STORY IS JUST DARK AND GLOOMY I WANNA HEAR YOUR FAMILY'S ONE
I LOVE YOUR FUNNY FAMILY!
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE BUT THIS IS WORSE THAN I'VE IMAGINED
How can I put it? Cool , resent and child? I guess
MY GREAT GRANDMA'S HOUSE IS AT THE END OF THE MAIN ISLAND
WHOA!
IT'S SEPTEMBER NOW BUT IT'S WARM ENOUGH TO SWIM.
IT'S JUST A SMALL AND SOLITARY ISLAND THERE S NOTHING BUT NATURE
LIGHTENS UP
Yeah!
I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE OUR DATE DURING OUR STAY THERE
THANK YOU MS. GREAT GRANDMA!
Good work! Sorry for coming down on your day off!
It's all right!
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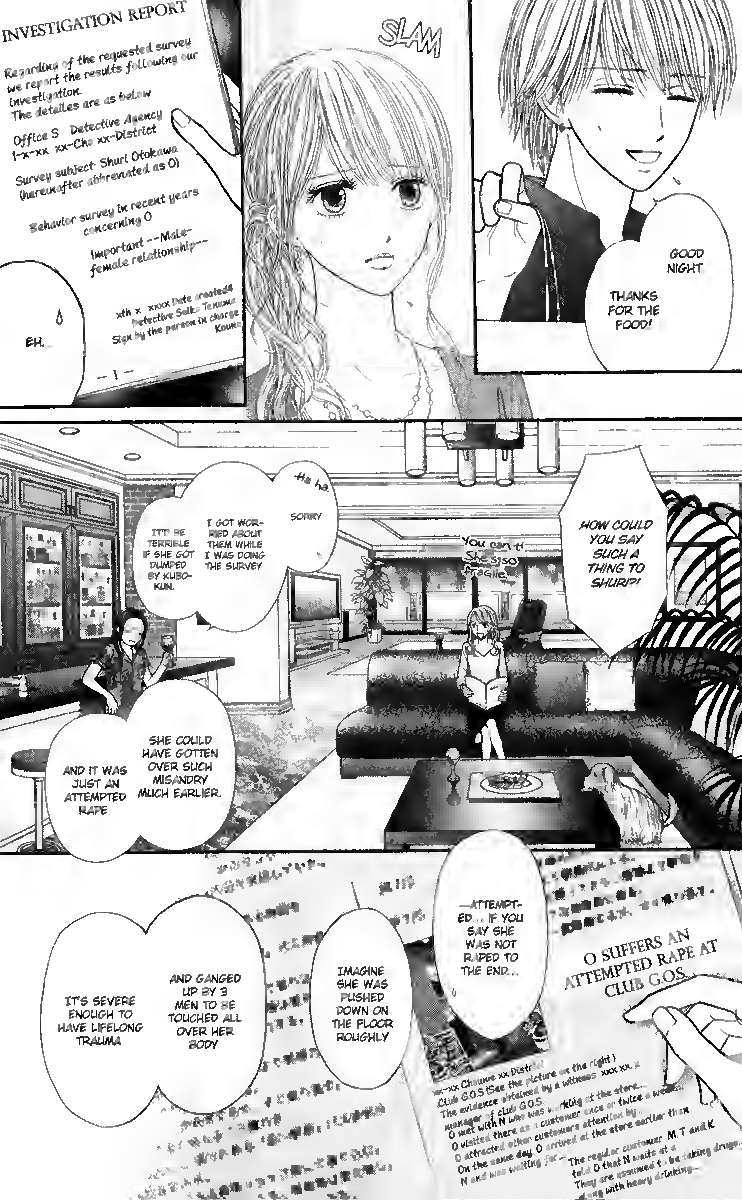
SO YOU'RE NOT GONNA LET HIM IN...
YEAH
G'NIGHT.
HERE YOU GO.
Take it.
Yay! ♡
THANKS!
♪
GYAAAAAA
A lower key...
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?! TANUMA-SAN!
I WAS TOLD TO GO FIRST SO I JUST DROP-PED BY
I'M HAVING A DRINK IN MANAGER'S ROOM
DON'T STOP ON THE WAY
HE'S KEPT WAITING...
IT MUST BE TOR-TURE...
Giggle
Luke's kept waiting too
Wha...
IT'S 'YOUR' PACE RIGHT?
WE'RE GOING AT OUR OWN PACE!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
SO IT DOESN'T GO WELL IF WOMEN CAN'T SUPPORT THEIR MAN. YOUR RELATIONSHIP'LL BE OVER IN HALF A YEAR
A GUY'S HEAD IS FILLED WITH ONLY SEXUAL DESIRE AND CHEAP PRIDE
Giggle
HALF A YEAR?!
I'm...I'm okay...
Luke! Leave me alone!!
NO NO YOU GUYS ARE COMPLICATED AND INTERES NO I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU GUYS.
THE SURVEY'S ALREADY DONE! PLEASE STOP IT!
WHINE! WHINE! WHINE
Chin up!
Poor you...

SHURI-SAN... WELL...
COME IN.
...IS IT OKAY?
LET'S HAVE DINNER TOGETH-ER...
SLAM
Munch
I think I'll add to the report, its unexpectedly short-tem... here's a little.
OH MY, IT WORKS.
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.
Such a nice guy...
PULL
EH?!
YOU!A! COME HERE!
Kiss
PAT
PAT
NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF...
...I'M... TODAY...
Our taste was compelled so...
Meh


INVESTIGATION REPORT
Regarding of the requested survey we report the results following our investigation.
The detailes are as below
Office S Detective Agency
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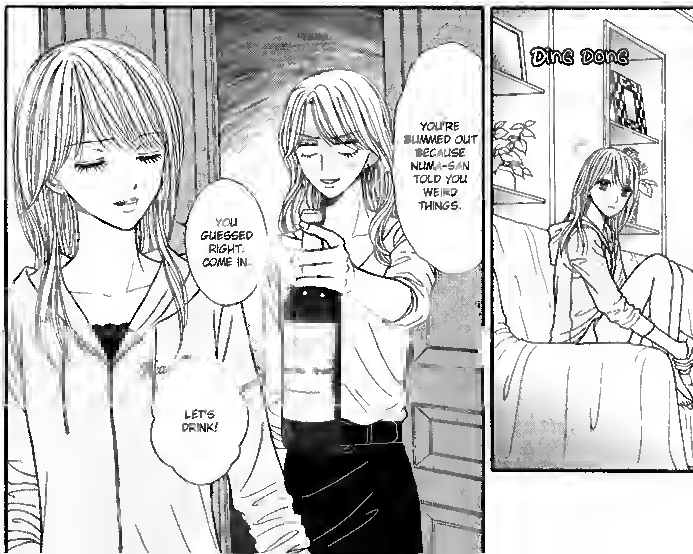
Survey subject Shuri Otokawa (hereinafter abbreviated as O)
Behavior survey in recent years concerning O
Important --Male-female relationship--
xth x xxxx Date created
Detective Sato Tetsuo
Sign by the person in charge Kouno
EH..
SLAM
GOOD NIGHT
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING TO SHURI!
You can't SLSJSO Regular
Ha ha
SORRY
I GOT WORRIED ABOUT THEM WHILE I WAS DOING THE SURVEY
IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF SHE GOT DUMPED BY KUBO-KUN.
SHE COULD HAVE GOTTEN OVER SUCH MISANDRY MUCH EARLIER.
AND IT WAS JUST AN ATTEMPTED RAPE
O SUFFERS AN ATTEMPTED RAPE AT CLUB GOS.
--ATTEMPTED... IF YOU SAY SHE WAS NOT RAPED TO THE END...
IMAGINE SHE WAS PUSHED DOWN ON THE FLOOR ROUGHLY
AND GANGED UP BY 3 MEN TO BE TOUCHED ALL OVER HER BODY
IT'S SEVERE ENOUGH TO HAVE LIFELONG TRAUMA

...Could it be...
I'M NOT SURPRISED IF SHE IS A NAIVE SIXTEEN YEARS GIRL
BUT IF I WERE SHE I'D NOT GIVE A DAMN
RIGHT THE RAPIST MAY GET TRAUMATIZED.
HAHAHA
Sorry?
------MM?
THIS IS...?
I COULD NEVER SHOW THEM.
BUT, AS I EXPECTED, YOUR WAY OF INVESTIGATING'S AWESOME! THIS REPORT IS JUST LIKE THE REPLAY OF PAST EVENTS...
NIJIH...-RA-KUN IS STILL FILLED WITH UNKNOWN THINGS...
---AH.


Ding Dong
YOU'RE SUMMED OUT BECAUSE NIJIH-SAN TOLD YOU WEIRD THINGS.
YOU GUESSED RIGHT. COME IN.
LET'S DRINK!

I JUST WANT TO DO...
THE SPECIAL THINGS THAT THE TWO OF US CAN SHARE
BUT... IT'S HARD FOR ME, TOO...
...I... RECALL SO MANY THINGS IF WE TRY TO DO IT... SO I CAN'T.
AND MAKE A LOT OF MEMORIES...
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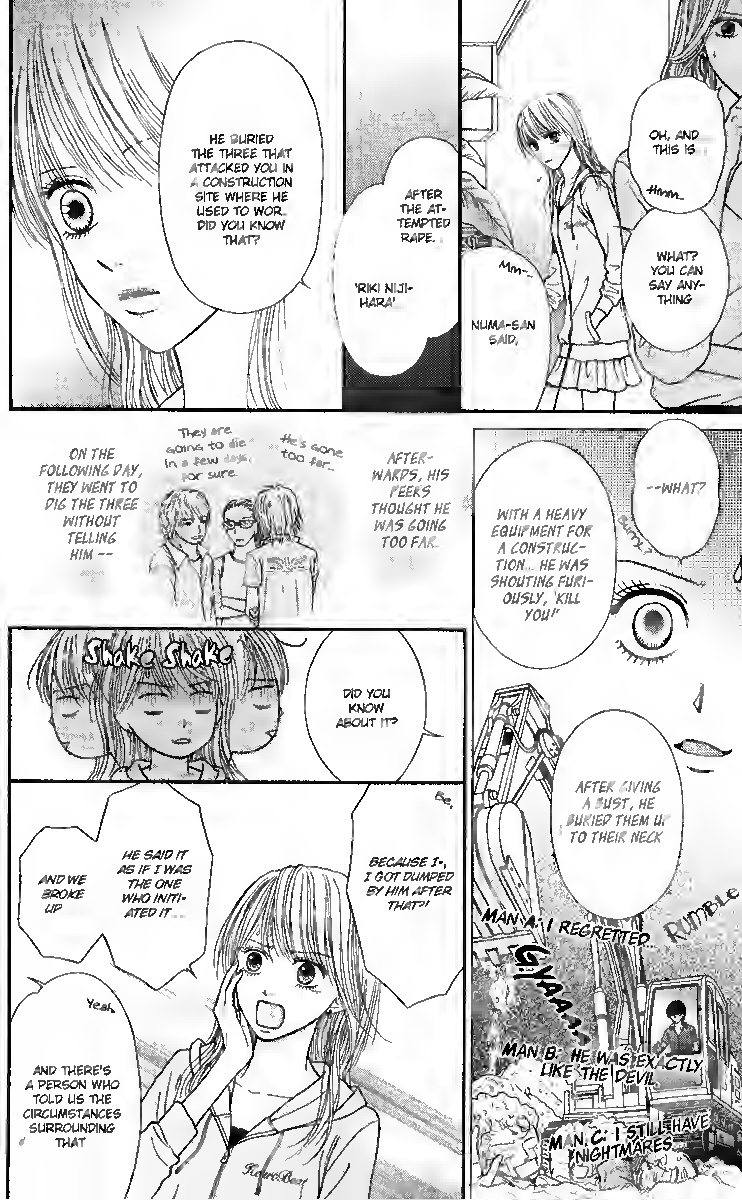
KUDO-KUN...
I FIND HE'S GIFTED AND HAS POTENTIAL
AT THAT YOUNG AGE... I'M IMPRESSED. HE'S SO NICE.
AND HE'S WAITING TO HAVE SEX TILL YOU GET EMOTIONALLY READY, RIGHT?
WELL... YEAH... SORT OF...
A FLASHBACK HAPPENS HUH?
YEAH I WONDER WHY
I'VE TOTALLY FORGOTTEN... BUT EVEN IF I ALREADY GOT OVER IT, IT COMES BACK.
AND... YOU NEED TO FACE THE PAST,
DON'T TURN YOUR EYES AWAY, YOU SHOULD DIGEST THEM.
AFTER ALL, ONLY TIME WILL SOLVE IT. TO OVERCOME A FLASHBACK...
SA-HO-SAN, HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED IT, TOO?
I HAVE. THERE'RE SO MANY THINGS THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS A DETECTIVE.

I'M JUST STRUGGLING TO BE STRONGER --
I'M... HAPPY IF I LOOK LIKE THAT
IT'LL BE ALL-RIGHT
SHURI, YOU'RE STRONGER THAN BEFORE
.....
EH...?
NO... SHE SAYS SHE'D RATHER PUT STRESS ON IT
I guess it will only make her worry
CAN'T YOU OMIT THE PART OF A MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIP?
SAY THE REPORT FOR MY GREAT GRANDMA
YOU'LL TURN 19 THIS MONTH, RIGHT? YOU'RE NOT A CHILD...
AND THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ONLY A PERSON WITH ESP CAN TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR ABILITY
BE SURE TO LISTEN TO HER TALK
YES...
I'M THE BLACKSHEEP OF THE MIKAGA FAMILY SO I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT
...DON'T KNOW.
IT MEANS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEONE
CAN BE LINKED TO MY ABILITY...?


HE BURIED THE THREE THAT ATTACKED YOU IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE WHERE HE USED TO WOR.. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
AFTER THE ATTEMPTED RAPE..
'RIKI NIJIHARA'
NUMA-SAN SAID,
Mm-
OH, AND THIS IS..
Hmm_
WHAT? YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING
ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THEY WENT TO DIG THE THREE WITHOUT TELLING HIM --
They are going to die in a few days, for sure.
He's gone too far..
AFTERWARDS, HIS PEERS THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TOO FAR.
--WHAT?
WITH A HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR A CONSTRUCTION... HE WAS SHOUTING FURIOUSLY, 'KILL YOU!'
AFTER GIVING A BUST, HE BURIED THEM UP TO THEIR NECK
MAN A: I REGRETTED..
RUTELE
KYAA..!
MAN B: HE WAS EXACTLY LIKE THE DEVIL
M.A.N. C: I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES..
Shaka Shaka
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
Ee,
BECAUSE I-, I GOT DUMPED BY HIM AFTER THAT?!
HE SAID IT AS IF I WAS THE ONE WHO INITIATED IT...
AND WE BROKE UP
Yeah,
AND THERE'S A PERSON WHO TOLD US THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THAT

SHOCK
HMMM?
How could they lie like touches on a sore point?!
THE MAN SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE SATISFACTORY SEX BECAUSE RIKI'S NOT GOOD IN BED. THAT'S WHY YOU TEMPTED THEM...
I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A RUMOR YOU'RE A FEMME FATAL WHO WON THAT RIKI'S HEART
WELL, I GUESS HE JUST FLIPPED OUT
AND HE MAY HAVE REALIZED HE TOOK IT TOO FAR
HE... SEEMED LIKE HE MEANT TO KILL THEM.
IF HIS PEERS WOULDN'T HAVE DIGGED THEM UP, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN A JAIL BY NOW.
SLAM
—I WISH
YOU COULD FORGIVE HIM FROM THE HEART
I'M KEEPING NUMA-SAN WAITING BYE
YES
IT'S COMPLETED
—OKAY I'LL SUBMIT A REPORT TOMORROW
YES BYE

YOU ARE...
EXHAUSTED
WORK-ING LATE...
AH
NIJIHA-RA-SAN
HAVE YOU EVER BURIED A HUMAN BODY WITH A LOADING SHOVEL...?
---NO.
ONLY TO THE NECK AND DOWN.
NORMALLY A HUMAN NEVER BURIES OTHERS IN THE GROUND.
He's beyond a joke.
...IS THAT SO?
YES, IT IS.

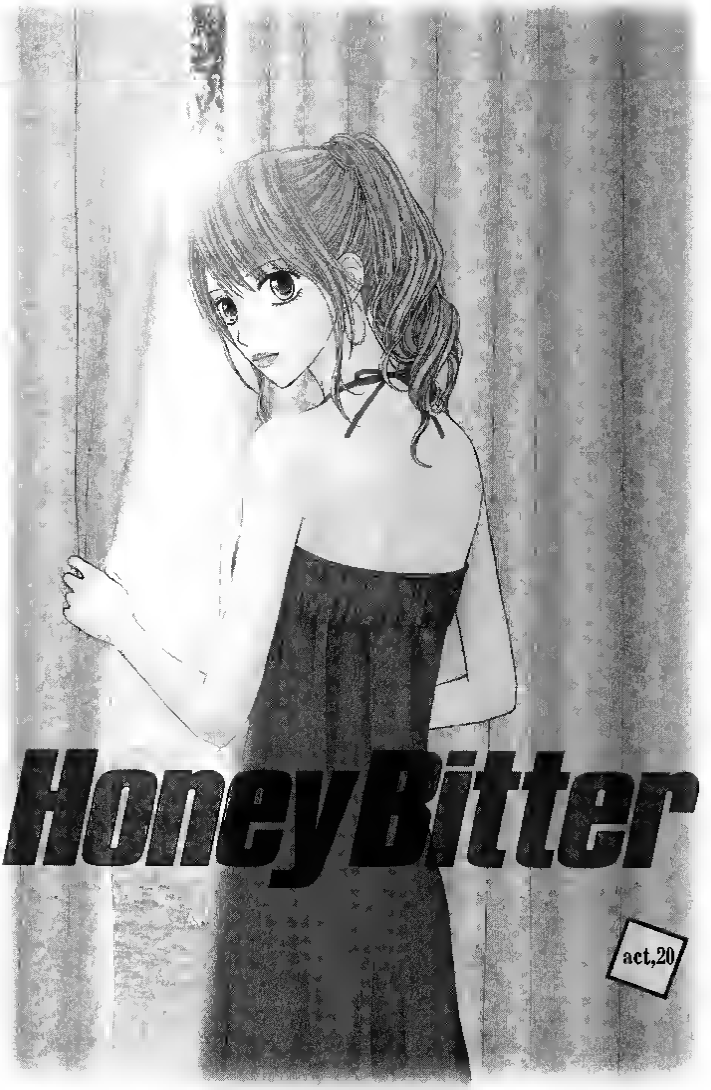
Ha
HEY... IT IS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
YOU'RE INSANE... AREN'T YOU?
IT'S LUDICROUS...
HE WAS ANGRY
(HE DID TOO MUCH THOUGH)
REALLY YOU CARRY YOUR JOKES TOO FAR...
AH...
...
I WAS WRONG...
SO...
AT THAT TIME
HE GOT ANGRY FOR ME
OH MY GOD...
IT'S SO CONFUSING...
YEAH, RIGHT...
EVERY TIME.
IT'S NOT ONLY 'THAT' TIME WHEN YOU WERE WRONG.
I... I DOUBT IT...

...I TOLD YOU BEFORE. BUT
FORGET IT EVER EXISTED
SOMETHING FOR ABLE
--I WANNA SAY TO HIM
DON'T BOTHE... ME
AKE ANNNOY-ING
MY FEEL-INGS TO-WARD'S HIM
Clink
...YOU,
I SHOULD HAVE NEVER MET YOU.
I JUST WANNA...
RESET YOUR EXISTENCE ITSELF!
DON'T GET COCKY.

NOO OO?!
CLATTER
I DON'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING...
LIKE THAT...
BANG
CREAK
CLATTER
----WH
WHAT'S WRONG?
---WELL...

COCK-ROACH-HH?!
EHH ?!
A COCK-ROACH
I HATE IT! SERIOUSLY!
I'll get them!
Where is it?
IT WENT OUT OF THE WINDOW FLYING
IT FLEWWWW?!
Noooooo
BYE
It was the most tiring thing today
--WHAT
SHIORI-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?!
It's so gross!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE
GRABBED MY ASS AND--
WHAT--
HE WAS so BACK TO HIS OLD SELF FOR A MOMENT
WHAT WAS HE GONNA DO?!
I HATE HIM SO MUCH!
I HATE HIM
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!

Ha ha
Right. It's a joke.
I was imagining you're going to wear swimsuits.
Shirin-sama...
Eeha-?! You're not gonna wear?
...Yeah. Now?
I'm still up.
—Shirin-sama? What's up?
What I want to cherish is the future with you.
But I'm obsessed with the past.
I thought I moved on, but I'm still being trapped.
It's always gonna be this way.
I'm going to the land of my heart.
My great-grandmother is waiting--
With these problematic people
--and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SOMETIMES, THE WEAK
CAN'T GET THROUGH IT WITHOUT CLOSING THEIR EYES.
--- HEY, ISN'T IT THAT KIND OF IDEALISM SOLELY FOR THE STRONG?
--- DON'T LOOK AWAY FROM WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
JUST STRONGLY FACE YOUR PAST, AND SURELY THINGS WILL GET BETTER.....
IF I TRY TO FACE THE PAST, IT'S GRIEF ON ME WILL ONLY BECOME STRONGER, SAD SAD...

SIGH
HAVE WE ARRIVED?
IT'S SO FAR AWAY
HERE HAVE SOME WATER!
NOT YET. IT'S STILL A COUPLE MORE HOURS FROM HERE

OTOKAWA
I NEED A COMPANY STAMP.
COULD YOU...?
OH, ALRIGHT. I'LL TAKE IT TO HIM.
HE SAYS HE NEEDS YOUR HELP.
THERE'S A SPOT WHERE HE NEEDS TO FILL IN THE MANAGER'S INFORMATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT.
FILL IN THE BOX WITH THE THICK BORDER.
SILENCE
I GOTTA GO TO THE BATHROOM!
WOOF
WOOF!

THAT HURTS...
TIGHTENING
NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE WASTING TIME RIGHT NOW!
I DO SEPARATE MY JOB FROM MY PERSONAL LIFE!
DON'T LET YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS INTERFERE WITH YOUR WORK!
GRAB
Squeeze
EH?!
BUT... HE'S RIGHT
IT'LL CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH MY WORK
IF MY 'KIKI-PHOBIA' RECURS
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...
See you there
EXCUSE ME SIR
WE'VE GOT TWO CARS AND A MOTORBIKE READY FOR YOU NOW!
BUT YOU'RE TO BLAME, TOO---
PAR-TIALLY?!
Look
WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY, THAT WAS PARTIALLY MY FAULT
AS IF I'M GOING TO LET THEM GET IN MY WAY!
Ouch
Geez!
You don't need to be so rough!
ANYWAYS, THAT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST KEEP YOUR FEELINGS OUT OF YOUR WORK!
Here you go
Thanks

Excited
♪
IT'S ALMOST UNREAL...
WHAT A GREAT VIEW!
WOW~
VROOOOOOOM
IF THE FERRY IS SHUT DOWN,
THIS PLACE TURNS INTO A COMPLETELY ISOLATED ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA. IT'S KIND OF COOL, RIGHT?
HOW AT PEACE I FEEL WHEN I'M WITH YOU! A...
HA! I DIDN'T KNOW PLACES LIKE THAT COULD EXIST ANYMORE!
---THE MIKAGA CLAN
HAS BEEN RENOWNED FOR ITS PSYCHIC POWERS SINCE ANCIENT TIMES
VROOM
AND IT'S ALL DETERMINED BY GENETICS! JUST AS I THOUGHT
IT'S A BIT COMPLICATED. WELL, I'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU ANYWAYS
BY THE WAY, DID YOU LOOK OVER THE HISTORY OF THE MIKAGA FAMILY?
OF COURSE I DID! IT'S SO COOL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE BORN INTO SUCH A SIGNIFICANT FAMILY!
THEY SERVED THE FAMILIES OF THE EMPEROR AND THE SHOGUN AND WERE TREASURED ADVISORS TO BOTH
AND, WERE TREATED WITH GREAT PRESTIGE AND, EVEN MORE SO, THAN EVEN THE NOBLES
THEY WERE GIVEN RECOGNITION AS CLAIRVOYANTS AND SHRINE MAIDENS ALIKE

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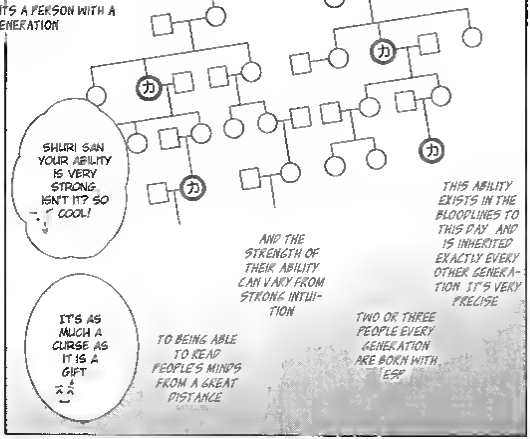
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SHURI SAN YOUR ABILITY IS VERY STRONG ISN'T IT? SO COOL!
IT'S AS MUCH A CURSE AS IT IS A GIFT
TO BEING ABLE TO READ PEOPLE'S MINDS FROM A GREAT DISTANCE
AND THE STRENGTH OF THEIR ABILITY CAN VARY FROM STRONG INTUITION
TWO OR THREE PEOPLE EVERY GENERATION ARE BORN WITH ESP
THIS ABILITY EXISTS IN THE BLOODLINES TO THIS DAY AND IS INHERITED EXACTLY EVERY OTHER GENERATION IT'S VERY PRECISE

VROOM
OK, HAVE WE REACHED THE MIKAGA CLAN PROPERTY?
YEAH
NO TRESPASSING PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE MIKAGA FAMILY Chitose Mikaga
THE MIKAGA CLAN PRIVATE PROPERTY IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A VILLAGE

AS THE WORLD GREW MORE MODERN PSYCHIC ABILITIES BEGAN TO BE LOOKED UPON WITH PERSION EVEN FEAR

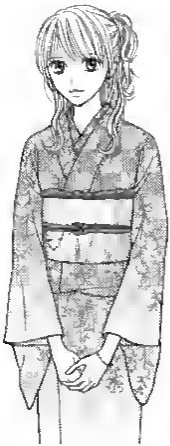
SO THE MIKAGA CLAN CAME TO LIVE IN THE SHADOWS HIDING THEIR ABILITIES

AWESOME! MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA!
CORRECT WE'LL BE WALKING FROM HERE
IT SEEMS LIKES WE CAN'T GET ANY FURTHER WITH A CAR
I LOVE NATURE!
ALL 5 HOUSEHOLDS OF MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S DESCENDENTS LIVE HERE QUIETLY

WELCOME BACK
AH, SHURI-SAN!
BONUS
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU
OH MY
SHE'S 'THE EXCEPTION' ISN'T SHE?
YES
YOU'RE RIGHT
VROOM
AH, THAT MUST BE KEI-CHAN!
'THE EXCEPTION'?
THE EXCEPTION IS HERE!
FAR, ALL THE WAY FROM TOKYO?
SLAGGY HAIR
Ha ha ha
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
What's with the hesitation?
LET'S SEE, WILD...?
AND KEI-CHAN IS... WELL...
WOW
YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER!
KEISUKE MIKAGA, AGE 24. HOMETOWN: OSAKA. HAS ESP. LONG-TIME RESIDENT IN THE MIKAGA COMPOUND
VROOM
SHURI-CHAN-!
HEY-!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

THIS IS KEISUKE MIKAGA
HE'S MY MOTHER'S SECOND COUSIN, SO HE'S PRETTY MUCH A STRANGER.
I guess you could call him an uncle, if you want.
Ahh YOU'RE SO COLD~
HELLO. I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU GUYS
You can put your luggage in here if you like.

---HEY! DON'T READ THEIR MINDS!
That's so rude!
Keisuke cut it out!
Hmph!
IT'S JUST A FRIENDLY GREETING.



Bwa ha ha
What?!
HEY, I CAN'T READ THIS GUY'S MIND! NOT EVEN A LITTLE! HE'S A ONE IN A HUNDRED!
He's completely blank to me!
THEY'RE TREATING YOU LIKE SOME KIND OF A RARE ANIMAL! I LIKE IT!
IT'S PROBABLY MORE LIKE ONE IN TWO HUNDRED, ACTUALLY
It's hard to say

Cool!
IS HER ABILITY REALLY STRONG TOO?
AND I WAS TAUGHT HOW TO CONTOL MY ABILITIES BY MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
I LIVED HERE FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS STARTING IN THE SECOND GRADE
Yeah.
WELL, IT USED TO BE. IT VANISHED A WHILE AGO.
EH?! IS THAT POSSIBLE?!
APPARENTLY SHE SAYS YOU CAN LOSE THE GIFT SOMEWHERE AROUND SO...
No way!
Eep!
I ALREADY CLOSED MINE OFF!
STOP IT already
AND WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HM? ...HA, HE LOVES YOU A LOT, DOESN'T HE SHURI?
Yup.
IT JUST TAKES A LOT OF FOCUS. IT'S EASIER TO JUST 'CLOSE' YOUR MIND, SO YOU CAN'T READ OR BE READ.
VROOOOM
RATTLE
RATTLE
SO PEOPLE WITH ESP CAN READ OTHER PSYCHICS' MINDS?
?
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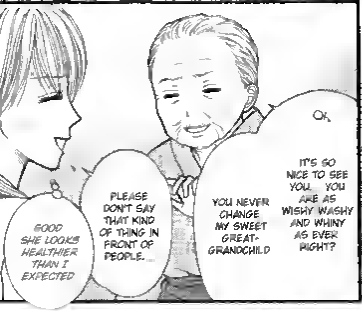
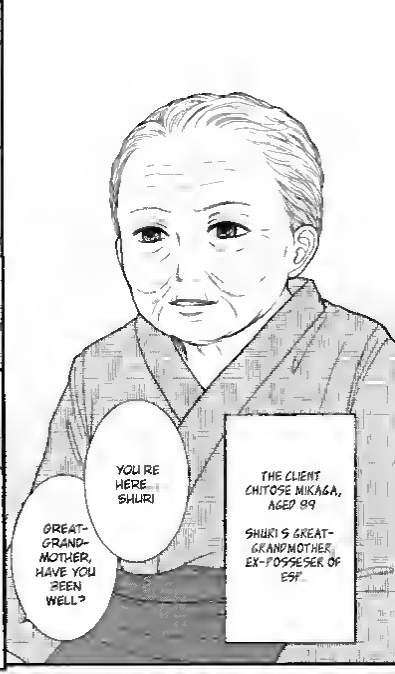
OKAY, WE'RE HERE
SHE'S A LITTLE SENILE SO SHE SAYS SOME PRETTY WEIRD THINGS SOMETIMES BUT PLEASE PRETEND TO LISTEN ANYWAYS
GRANNY! GUESS WHO'S HERE! IT'S SHURI-CHAN!
Oh, anyone wanna call your bluff?
YUP. JUST FLUNKED WIPE THE FEET OFF
GOOD AFTERNOON
WHAT A NICE LOOKING HOUSE!

GRANDMOTHER, THAT'S A DOG
RIGHT I'VE JUST GROWN A LOT HARDER SINCE I LAST SAW YOU.
HM? NEVERMIND YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
OH MY HOW YOU'VE GROWN.
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN SHURI-SAN JOKING AROUND!
HOW COULD SHE SPEAK? SHE'S A DOG!


GOOD SHE LOOKS HEALTHIER THAN I EXPECTED
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT KIND OF THING IN FRONT OF PEOPLE...
YOU NEVER CHANGE MY SWEET GREAT-GRANDCHILD
IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU... YOU ARE AS WISHY WASHY AND WHINY AS EVER RIGHT?
OH.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YOU'RE HERE SHURI
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?

OH, SORRY! WE KEPT EVERYONE WAITING
He's German
EXCUSE ME WHERE COULD I MAKE SOME TEA...?
LIVE-IN HELPER GENTA SHIMAMURA, AGED 49
HIS WIKE YUKO AGED 40

EH? NO
I'M YOUTA, A PART TIMER AT OFFICE S!
HMMM? ARE YOU ONE OF MY GREAT GRANDKIDS TOO?
DOES SHE MEAN ME...?
AHA, I SEE GEN SAN. BRING IN SOME TEA PLEASE AND QUICKLY!
...OKAY...

IN KIRO IS A SORT OF SWEET STEAMED CAKE MADE WITH RICE POWDER
Let's just forget all about this and have some Kiro, hmm?
WHATEVER ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GEN-SAN? I'M SURE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN
ANYWAYS WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS TO KNOW IS HOW HER GRADDAUGHTER'S BEEN DOING
THAT WAS (GEN-SAN (THE REAL ONE). SO YOU SHOULD ASK HIM THE DETAILS
AH, I'M NOT REALLY THE WITNESS YOU KNOW.
Why does she keep calling me "Tahei"...?
SHOULDN'T THIS KIND OF SITUATION BE A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS ?
TO START WITH,
TELL US ABOUT THE INTRUDER.
Hai
THAT'S RIGHT!
I ASKED SOMEONE TO GIVE ME A REPORT ON THE SUPER URBAN LIFE STYLE OF MY SILLY GREAT GRANDCHILD-I
EH WHO WAS IT AGAIN?
SHAKES
I can't believe she's coming this close in front of me
YES THAT WAS ME! I'M TANUMA!
I WANT TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO YOU ALONE
THE REST OF YOU GO TO THE OTHER ROOM
SHOO SHOO
THEY CALL YOU "THE EXCEPTION" WHAT...
EH?
SHURI-SAN THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME
It keeps coming up
OH...
DO YOU MIND IF I DO A SWEEP OF THE HOUSE NOW?
OH, NOT AT ALL. DO WHAT YOU MUST
KURO DO THAT. WILL YOU? FIGURE OUT THE LAYOUT OF THIS HOUSE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, TOO
AH, OKAY!

NO ONE KNOWS
EH? BUT WHY DID THAT HAPPEN?
BUT I WAS BORN COMPLETELY OUTSIDE OF THAT PATTERN... SO I'M 'THE EXCEPTION' TO THAT RULE
WELL... A USER OF EGF IS SUPPOSED TO BE BORN EXACTLY EVERY OTHER GENERATION.
WELL THE ECOSYSTEM IS FLIPPING OUT RIGHT NOW.
SO IT'S POSSIBLE IT WAS ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOMETHING
IN ANY CASE, THERE RE TWO USERS IN MY GENERATION. SO IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP IN SHURI'S
I THINK YOUR PARENTS WERE PROBABLY MORE SURPRISED THAN YOU
AHA.
Why doing
OH, I SHOULD GET THAT
EXCUSE ME
I THINK I GET IT NOW!
THEY SAY THAT WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
I DIDN'T TALK NOT AT ALL UP UNTIL WHEN I WAS 5
This is the second time
EH... WAS IT BECAUSE YOU COULD READ PEOPLE'S MINDS?
MAYBE... I NEVER LISTENED WITH MY EARS BACK THEN
BUT I THINK UP UNTIL THAT POINT,
UNTIL THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT MY POWERS I HAD NORMAL LOVING PARENTS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
SHURI,
MY DARLING GIRL,
I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU HAPPY

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...IT COULDN'T BE...

NO...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

AKIRA.

SHE'LL BE SIX SOON BUT ALL SHE DOES IS GIGGLE...

WHY CAN'T SHE SPEAK YET?

There's nothing wrong with her vocal chords.

Don't worry child-hood develop-ment is incredibly variable.

TURNS

SHUSH.

SHUSH ARE YOU READING MOMMY'S MIND?

LIH-HUH!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN?!

WHY...

I DON'T SAY THAT! I DON'T EVEN THINK IT! SHE CAN READ THAT KIND OF THOUGHTS!

SUCH A TROUBLE-SOME CHILD!

WHY IS IT MY KID?

HOW COME

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

BECAUSE IT'S ONLY SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN EVERY OTHER GENERATION

WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT WITH HER!

I COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED THIS

I STILL REMEMBER HOW LONELY I WAS BACK THEN
AND JUST LIKE THAT, THE WARMTH OF THEIR LOVE SUDDENLY TURNED TO COLD
IT'S AS IF A LIGHT WENT OUT AND I COULDN'T MOVE PARALYZED WITH DOUBT AND FEAR
I TRIED VERY HARD TO BE NORMAL, SO I BEGAN TO SPEAK
TEACHER
YOU'RE THINKING OF BOOKS
A NAKED LADY
OTOKAYA
BUT EVERY TIME I OPENED MY MOUTH I SAID SOMETHING WRONG
SO THEY LEFT ME IN MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S CARE
I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IF I COULD LEARN TO LIVE NORMALLY
MY PARENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO LOVE ME AGAIN
Open
Close!
Open!
IMAGINE A CAPSULE IN YOUR HEART
I RETURNED TO MY FAMILY WHEN I WAS IN THE 5TH GRADE
MOM!
MOM, I CAN CONTROL IT NOW!
Thank you so much for all your letters!
Shun-chan! I missed you so much!
BUT EVEN IN THE DARKNESS OF MY LONLINESS THERE WAS A SMALL LIGHT
MY ONLY FRIEND FROM GRADE 1 MINORI HAD BEEN WAITING FOR ME ALL ALONG
WAS SLOWLY SOOTHED BY MY PURE HEARTED FRIEND
THE WOUND IN MY HEART CAUSED BY MY PARENT'S REJECTION
There weren't any new stories over there.
A lot of really good stories opened here.
Well, about what's in here?
AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO BUT ACCEPT IT
THEY WERE AS REMOTE AS EVER
BUT
GOOD FOR YOU
SO I HEARD
APPLE CHERRY

FIGHTING BACK TEARS
THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH HER, MINORI SAN!
WHAT ABOUT KOUNO-SAN?
WELL
I'D ONLY MET HER A FEW TIMES BACK THEN
SHE WAS MY DETECTIVE AUNT THAT I BARELY EVER SEE
---AND MY PARENTS THEY WERE CHEATING ON EACH OTHER.
WHEN I CAME BACK, THEY OPENLY AVOIDED ME IT WASN'T JUST THEM BEING COLD
DON'T COME NEAR ME!!
DON'T READ MY MIND!!
I WASN'T GOING TO
MOM
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE IT ANY-MORE
AT THAT TIME I WAS EVEN MORE WARPED THAN I AM RIGHT NOW AH! MUST HAVE BEEN VERY HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
I HATED BEING AT HOME SO I STAYED OUT AND MESSED AROUND
I WENT OUT WITH GUYS AND I MADE A LOT OF BAD MISTAKES
TN: IN JAPAN, A MINOR OFFICIALLY BECOMES AN ADULT AT THE AGE OF 20.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PAR-ENTS? ARE THEY DIVORCED...?
...WELL, NO, NOT YET.
I THINK THEY'RE WAITING FOR ME TO TURN 20.
YOU CAN COME AND SEE ME ANY TIME YOU WANT. YOU CAN STAY IN AN EMPTY APARTMENT I RENT OUT IF YOU LIKE.
SHUU-CHAN? DO YOU REMEMBER ME? IT'S YOUR AUNT, SAHO! I QUIT MY JOB AT THE POLICE STATION.
You're amazing, Shuu!!
Fantastic!

BUT THEY NEVER BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT KIND OF THING ANY-WAYS
I DIDN'T HAVE TO READ THEIR MINDS TO KNOW THAT
NEITHER OF THEM WANT CUSTODY OF ME SO THEY'RE WAITING UNTIL I'M AN ADULT
PAFF
I JUST CAN'T THINK ABOUT IT WITHOUT LAUGH-ING...
Giggle
AND YOU GUYS TRIED SO HARD TO FINISH IT THAT THE NOODLES CAME OUT OF YOUR NOSE!
PAFF
LAST TIME...
YOU TOLD ME YOUR LITTLE BROTHER MADE A PRANK CALL AND ORDERED 50 SERVINGS OF SOBA!
SEE? MY LIFE STORY SUCKS DOESN'T IT? WELL THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
TN: SOBA IS A TYPE OF BUCKWHEAT NOODLE.
Giggle
YOUTA, YOUR MIND, CAN I...?
YEAH
AH.... SORRY
NO...
Shoot
WHAT'S WRONG? OH, SORRY, I TOLD YOU SUCH A GLOOMY STORY...
YOUTA?

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT IMAGINE
HOW MANY TIMES YOU CRIED BECAUSE OF THIS
---IF...
SO SORRY
FOR NOT UNDER-STANDING YOU
I DON'T KNOW HOW PAINFUL THEY CAN BE
SO SHUEI SAN'S FEELINGS
I'M THANKFUL TO MY PARENTS FOR GIVING ME A HAPPY CHILD-HOOD
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
AWFUL
I DON'T GET IT
I GREW UP LOVED
WITHOUT MANY TROU-BLES
SORRY
I WOULD LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
I WOULD CHERISH YOU...
I WAS YOUR PARENT
I WOULD DOTE ON YOU SO MUCH
THAT YOU WOULD GET AN-NOYED!
YOU'RE IS...
REALLY?
I'M OKAY...
I WAS VERY LONELY BACK THEN,
BUT THE GAPS IN MY HEART HAVE BEEN FILLED...
YOU GREW UP BEING DEARLY LOVED BY YOUR PARENTS
GOOD FOR YOU

I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE MET YOU!
YOU FILLED THE HOLES IN MY HEART
REALLY ?
IT'S ALMOST OVER FLOWING. yeh
This is so embarrassing!
WHY AM I CRYING?
OH MY GOSH
!
WHAT A SAD CHILD.
HER ABILITY'S POWER SHOULD BE PEAKING AT AROUND THIS TIME...
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW POWERFUL SHE'LL END UP BEING.
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WHA
Doom and Gloom
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS? WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THAT TO LEAD?
THIS NIJI-HARA GUY I HOPE HE COMES HERE, I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO SAY TO HIM
Wait, he is here!
!
IT WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE.
I SAW SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE IN THIS VIL-LAGE.
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT WAS ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO. ONE OF THEM LOOKED LIKE A BUSINESSMAN AND THE OTHER... A VERY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

WE JUST GOT LOST. WE'RE LEAVING NOW!
SO SORRY!
THIS IS THE MIKAGA FAMILY'S PRIVATE PROPERTY. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THEY LEFT AS SOON AS I SPOKE TO THEM
CAN YOU GIVE ME A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THOSE TWO?
OH. WHY DON'T WE ASK KEISUKE-SAN! HE DRAWS WELL
OKAY. I GOT IT.
IF PEOPLE DISCOVER THE MIKAGA FAMILY'S SECRET, LIFE WILL BECOME UNPLEASANT FOR US
THEY'RE ALL WORRIED THAT SOMEONE'S INVESTIGATING US
OTHER RESIDENTS ARE REPORTING HAVING SEEN THESE TWO ON ANOTHER DAY
Alright-!
THINK REALLY HARD NOW!
Hmmmmm
WELL, THIS IS DIFFERENT...
WHOA! KEI-CHAN YOU DREW THIS?!

Okay, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
I'VE TALKED TO SOME OF THE OTHER RESIDENTS. THE SUSPECTS HAVE A CAR WITH A LISENCE PLATE FROM THIS CITY.
I'LL MAKE AN INQUIRY WITH THE CITY TOMORROW.
Unfortunately, they don't remember specific numbers.
Shoot.
I NEED TO FIND SOMETHING USEFUL, TOO.
HE'S ALREADY GOT A LEAD...
Shy
HUH? WHO?
RIGHT... ONE MORE THING... THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO FIND FOR ME...
Is that alright?
OH MY GOD THIS IS SO AMAZING!
FANTASTIC, THIS LOOKS JUST LIKE THEM
Clasp
You were good at drawing when you were little, too.
THEY SAY MY DRAWINGS ARE TOP-NOTCH!
ACTUALLY IT'S MY DREAM TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST!
You don't need to tell them that...
Cheer up
AREN'T YOUR WORKS ALWAYS REJECTED BECAUSE THE STORIES DON'T MAKE SENSE?
WHY NOW?
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO GET THAT KIND OF REQUEST. BUT...
WELL... YOU KNOW...
I WANT
MY... MY FIRST LOVE. ♡
EH?!
Blushes

She's cute
I can't get excited about my dear husband.
LOVE.
I JUST WANT TO FEEL MY HEART RACE AGAIN.
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, WE'RE PRETTY BUSY WITH OUR OTHER INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE OUTRAGEOUS REQUESTS.
WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE SUCH A MEAN GRANDCHILD...?
Huh, Gami-san?
SOB SOB
OOOH... YOU TREAT THIS OLD LADY CLOSE TO DEATH SO BADLY...
GRANDMOTHER! COME ON!
Why are you saying these things?!
YEAH, THERE'S BEEN A DEVELOPMENT
HELLO? KOUNO-SAN?
I'LL KEEP FOLLOWING UP THIS LEAD THEN
OTOKAWA, YOU'LL BE WORKING ON BOTH CASES ACCORDING TO NECESSITY.
.....
THIS ISN'T YOUR DECISION TO MAKE
OTOKAWA?
YEAH
Are you listening to me?
Okay I've gotta find someone
WELL MAYBE YOU DO
KOUNO-SAN SAYS THERE MUST BE SOME REASON BEHIND THIS REQUEST SO DO IT
--THEN CAN YOU DO THAT WITH KUBO?
GOT IT!

TEN MINUTE INTERVAL
Ah-
I MET HIM WHILE I WAS LIVING IN M CITY. HE WAS A STUDENT AT SEKIMOSHO
HE WAS SO SWEET
YEAH I CALLED HIM 'TANI-SAN'
Alright!
Uwa.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FIRST LOVE?
INVESTIGATION
KEISUKE-SAN, CAN YOU DO YOUR PSYCHOGRAPHY AGAIN?
NOT REALLY SHE KNOWS WHAT SCHOOL HE WENT TO SO IT MIGHT JUST BE A MINOR BOSS
SURE GRANDMA'S MEMORY MIGHT BE A LITTLE FUZZY THOUGH
What
THIS IS LIKE THE FINAL BOSS LEVEL!
'TANI-SAN' WHAT WAS HIS FULL NAME?
I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER.
THAT'S IT. ANYWAYS
ANOTHER 11 MINUTES
WE GATHERED SHELLS TOGETHER, AND PROMISED WE WOULD ALWAYS KEEP THEM
BECAUSE THEY HELD THE MEMORIES FROM THAT TIME
ERHM IT'S JUST A K WAS A CHI
TANI-SAN
I FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'RE CALLING OUT TO ME...
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS ROMANTICIZED
Doesn't seem too reliable.
Hehe
WELL I'LL KEEP IT JUST IN CASE
Tani-san
I WONDER
WHAT EXACTLY IS SHE UP TO?
OH WELL.
AS LONG AS IT MAKES HER HAPPY

CHIRP
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CHIRP
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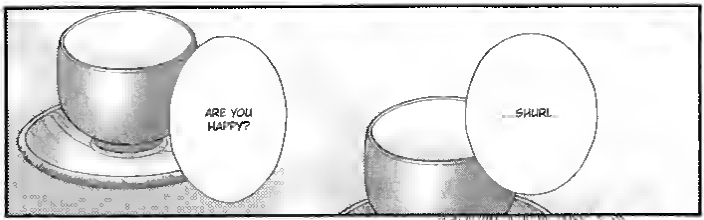
PUNCH
CAN I HELP YOU?
GOOD MORNING SIR
KEEP
KEEP
KEEP
VIBRATES
BRUSH
BRUSH
From Nijihara Sub
SPOTTED SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS
PROBABLY THE MAN IN THAT DRAWING 500-600 METRES AWAY FROM THE MAIN HOUSE IF YOU'RE AWAKE, PLEASE COME QUICKLY.
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE CURRENTLY TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY?
AH-
UM, WELL HEH HEH
WHA— REALLY? I HAD NO IDEA.
HE'S SO INTIMI-DATING

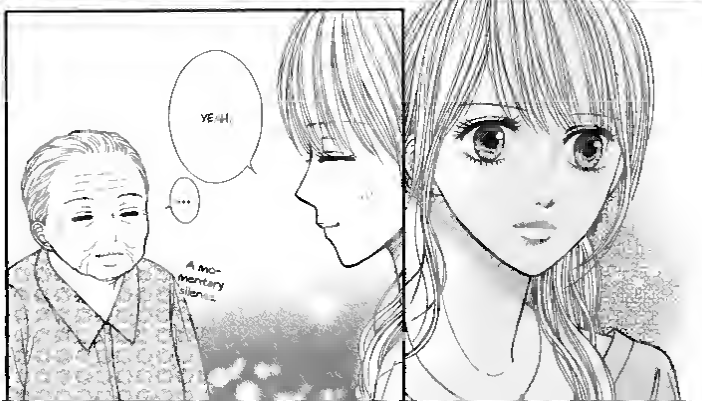
I'M... I'M VERY SORRY FOR SURVEYING WITHOUT ASKING.
AKUTADA SURVEY AND DESIGN OFFICE
SURVEYOR: MAMORU AKUTADA
A SURVEYOR...
I'M MAMORU AKUTADA
I'M HERE ON THE BEHALF ON SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BUY THIS LAND, AT ANY COST.
I'M SORRY... ACTUALLY, WELL...
Suddenly appears
THAT'S A LIE!
EEP!
Scary girl!
HE KNOWS...
MIYUI-SAN
Love
MIYUI KARAYAMA
LOVE
I LOVE HER...!
AH
IT'S THE WOMAN FROM THE DRAWING!
WELL. I CAN'T ACTUALLY SAY ANYTHING THAT'LL BREACH OUR CUSTOMER PRIVACY POLICY...
SO, WHO EXACTLY WANTS TO BUY THIS LAND?
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH
I HEARD FROM A REAL ESTATE AGENT THAT THE LAND OWNER WOULD NEVER AGREE TO SELL THE PROPERTY
Please
FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO RUDE...
Mumble Mumble
CHIRP
UH...
IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH ALREADY...
CHIRP
CHIRP
CAW!
THERE'S NOT MUCH POINT IN KEEPING IT FROM YOU...
HE'S IN LOVE WITH THE BUYER, MIYUI KARAYAMA, RIGHT?
THE TWO OF YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE REMEMBER HER NAME
THOSE TYPES OF PICTURES AND FEELINGS
ARE BY FAR THE EASIEST TO READ AS WELL AS THE MOST COMMON

SO IT'S THE LAND!
YES, BUT THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY ORTHODOX IN THEIR METHODS SO IT'S STILL A BIT SUSPECT
I SET UP A MEETING WITH THE BUYER FOR TOMORROW THERE'LL BE FOUR OTHER PEOPLE AT THE MEETING, INCLUDING ME AND THE BUYER
WELL DONE REALLY! THIS IS A FANTASTIC BREAK
AH SO THEY'RE AFTER THE LAND. WE'LL, I'M NOT GOING TO SELL IT
Sips
MOST OF THE LAND DOESN'T EVEN BELONG TO ME... IT'S SAHO'S PROPERTY NOW SO I COULDN'T SELL IT EVEN IF I WANTED TO
WHOA.
REALLY?!
SO THAT'S WHY SHE'S RESENTFUL TOO.
KOUNO-SAN SAYS THAT THEY JUST FORCED ANNOYING PROPETY RIGHTS ONTO HER
THAT'S RIGHT
EH, WHY IS SHE AN OUTSIDER?
HONMA-SAN'S GOT BLUE BLOOD, RIGHT?
HUH-WHAT?
SPEAKING OF WHICH SHE'S ALWAYS CALLED HERSELF THAT THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY
IS IT BECAUSE SHE WENT TO WORK WITH THE POLICE INSTEAD OF STAYING HERE?
WE DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE HAVING SUCH A UNMANAGEABLY HUGE FORTUNE
WE COME FROM OLD MONEY, AS IT HAPPENS, SO WE'RE ALL QUITE RICH
I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE WAY RICH PEOPLE THINK.
SO WE GAVE ALL OF THAT TO SAHO THE OUTSIDER IN THE FAMILY
Hee hee
I'VE GOT TO ASK HER NEXT TIME

---AND SO THEY LEFT ME HERE.
CAN I HELP YOU WITH ANY-THING?
IT'S OKAY, JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX.

I'LL BE TAILING THE SUR-VEYOR TODAY
OTOKAWA, YOU GO HELP THEM FIND THE 'FIRST LOVE'
TWO PEOPLE AND A DOG ARE PLENTY ENOUGH!
OKAY—
STAY HERE WITH YOUR GRAND-MOTHER--!
I'm so smart that I'll make you fall in love with me
Shuri san
Isn't that the truth?!
See you later
Vroooom


ARE YOU HAPPY?
...SHURI.


YEAH.
...
A mo-mentary silence...

Gathering information
What? I'm busy so ask someone else.
ABOUT THE SCHOOL THAT USED TO BE ACROSS THE STREET
He he
SHURI, YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?
Ah, YEAH...
YOUTA KUBA? HUH? HE'S A GOOD KID
Never mind it!
Getting squeezed really hurts
How do you plan on surviving in this business with such a thin skin?
Eh...?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE
Eh
W-WELL IF YOU ASK IT LIKE THAT
WHEN I FIRST MET HIM,
I AVOIDED HIM, JUST LIKE I WOULD WITH ANY OTHER MAN
---I THOUGHT
SINCE YOUTA'S HEART IS SO PURE
I DON'T WANT HIM TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE BAD PARTS OF ME...
THE WORLD THAT USED TO EXIST IN SHADES OF GRAY SUDDENLY TURNS BRIGHT
BUT WHEN I'M WITH YOUTA,
IT'S SILLY THE WORLD SEEMS SO BEAUTIFUL WHEN HE'S NEXT TO ME
BUT I WANT TO STAY WITH HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING
I'M SCARED HE'LL FIND OUT...

I THINK... I... LIKE HIM...
AFTER ALL, I...
OH...
UM... GREAT-GRANDMOTHER?
SILENT
EXCUSE ME BUT JUST FOR A SECOND
I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE MET SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON IT SEEMS AS THOUGH A LOT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, THOUGH
LOVE
UM...
WHY AM I CRYING
GREAT-GRAND-MOTHER...
I WISH I COULD READ THEIR MINDS
HOW BORING MY LIFE IS
I REALLY WISH
AND HIS TOO
HERS
I WANNA READ THEIR MINDS
AH... I WISH I COULD STILL READ...
AS LONG AS I FOCUS IT'S POS-SIBLE
Don't take me lightly
Sips
YOU'VE LOST YOUR ABILITY BUT YOU CAN STILL TELL WHEN SOMEONE IS READING YOU...?
That scared the hell out of me
Ba-Dump
Ba-Dump
EEK!
DON'T READ MY MIND...

DON'T LOOK! JUST PUT IT AWAY
---NO... DON'T DO IT
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IMPORTANT THINGS JUST LYING AROUND!
IS THAT THE REPORT ON THE TEAM?
ka-chi
RATTLE
Hides
OUT OF MORBID CURIOSITY
MAYBE JUST A PEEK
glance
NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW
NO DON'T NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OF IT
DON'T
DON'T DO THAT!
HEY!
I KNEW IT
SLAM
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LOOKED!
Run
Run
Run

EDUCATION

MARCH, XXXX TOKYO XX

APRIL XXXX – PRESENT, NATIONAL KL UNIVERSITY

RELATIONSHIPS

PAST RELATIONSHIPS WITH 2 WOMEN

WHY DID I JUST HAPPEN TO OPEN IT UP...

SUMMER, XXX FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL XX-XX

MAY, XXXX FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL

BOTH REALTIONSHIPS WERE INITIATED BY THE FEMALE

LASTED APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS

TO THOSE PAGES

THERE'S NO REASON TO BE JEALOUS

HE'S 18... HE'S REALLY SWEET AND HANDSOME SO IT MAKES SENSE I SHOULD BE GLAD THERE WERE ONLY TWO.

I SHOULDN'T CARE

NO IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S...

ABNORMAL OR ANYTHING

AND HE GOT ASKED OUT NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND YEAH

IT'S NORMAL BUT...

OH NO IT'S KIND OF LIKE

I'VE LOST INTEREST IN HIM...

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TWO...

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THAT YOU'A LOVED

THERE WERE TWO OTHER WOMEN

BEFORE ME...

THE DAY I SAY YOU'LL ...
OH MY GOD!
I'M HOPELESS!
NOOOOOO ...!
SUDDENLY COLLAPSES
A REVERSE HIP-TOSS
WILL BE A VERY COLD DAY IN HELL OR ELSE A DREAM.
IT'S COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE
I'M SUCH A JERK!
WAIT IF I SAY IT LIKE THAT, THEN ...
I...
HMM?
JUST HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I BEEN CALLOUS TOWARD'S HIM?
MY EX-BOYFRIEND WAS A VIOLENT GUY...
AH, I'VE NEVER HAD A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP
AH...
I'M THE WORST!

ONLY THE TWO OF US ARE LEFT NOW, ME AND LUKE... WE'LL DO OUR BEST!
Whh, a really strange picture.
YEAH, SHE TEXTED ME...
ON TOP OF THAT, TANUMA-SAN JUST GOT UP AND LEFT! DID SHE TELL YOU ANYTHING?
From Tanuma
Sub TOO MANY BABIES!
MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER JUST GAVE BIRTH. I'VE MADE A REPORT AND I GOT PERMISSION FORM KOUNO-SAN SO I'M GOING BACK FIRST. SORRY. I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU GUYS! SEE YOU BACK IN TOKYO!
Hang in there!
WHERE'S NUMAHARA-SAN? IS HE STILL DOING A SURVEY OF THE GROUNDS?
I GUESS.
WELL, TRYING TO GET INFORMATION IN AN UNFAMILIAR PLACE IS PRETTY HARD. I GOT NOTHING...

SHAAA
Sorry for speaking out
EH? OH YES, I'M FINE
...SHURI-SAN,
HEY...
CAN WE TALK LATER?
Let's go for a walk
Oh... SURE
IS EVERY-THING AL-RIGHT?
YOU KNOW ON THE 20TH...
YOU TURN 18, RIGHT? THAT'S TOMORROW.
I'M SURE SOMETHING'S WRONG...
HAPPY EARLY BIRTHDAY, SHURI-SAN.
OH WELL SHE'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL IN THE MOON-LIGHT TOO
It's hard to focus

Oh. How did you know...
I found out a while ago
Of course!
If it's busy tomorrow, I might not be able to give this to you so...
Here you go.
Ah, my driver's license right?
Nope!
Wow! Thank you.
Can I open it?
Sure!
TN: In Japan, the school year starts in April and ends in March, which would mean that those who would've been in the same grade
Shaaaa
When I first met you, I couldn't tell even we were the same age. You looked so young.
School year, maybe
But you're in the same year as me!
I knew it. You're younger than me
Heh heh...
Your birthday's on March 15th, right?
Oh, yeah
Yup
I knew they'd suit you!
Super cute
Really?
I wanna look in a mirror.
Oh, wow! They're so pretty!
I wanna put them on!
Oh, the sales clerk sanitized them for me so they're fine
Yay~!

DOSH
THERE'S A MIRROR IN THERE!
LOOK AT YOURSELF AS YOU'RE REFLECTED IN MY EYES... JUST KIDDING~
Right, you can't see how I see you...
Hm? Shunn?
Mm?
WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S THE GRADE'S HOUSE FOR THE RESIDENTS PRIVATE USE
WOW! SO COOL!
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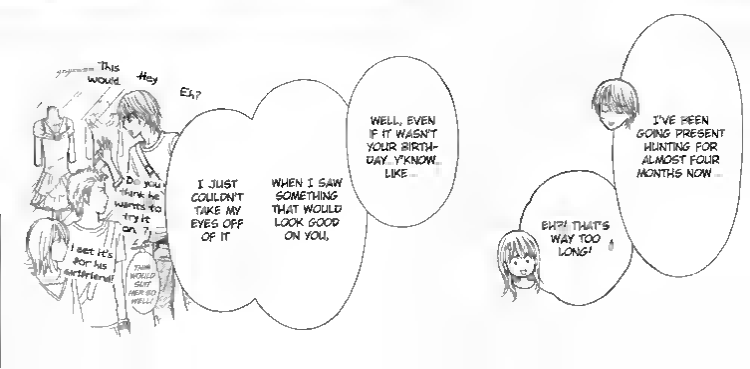
SO? DO YOU LIKE THEM?
I LOVE THEM, THEY'RE PERFECT!!
THANK YOU!!
...THANK GOODNESS!


I'VE BEEN GOING PRESENT HUNTING FOR ALMOST FOUR MONTHS NOW...
EH?! THAT'S WAY TOO LONG!
WELL, EVEN IF IT WASN'T YOUR BIRTHDAY, Y'KNOW... LIKE...
WHEN I SAW SOMETHING THAT WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU,
I JUST COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF IT
EA?
Hey
This would
Do you think he wants to try it on...?
I bet it's for his girlfriend
THAT WOULD SUIT HER SO WELL!!

BEHH?!
Are you serious?
NO, I...
SO-SORRY
I'M JUST
I'M SORRY I'M SO POOR
IF I HAD MORE MONEY, I'D PROBABLY BUY EVERYTHING I SAW FOR YOU...
Heh, heh
THANKS
I'M REALLY HAPPY
...I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER...

Eh,?
THAT'S NO GOOD!
DON'T START DOUBTING ME JUST AS SOON AS MY BACK'S TURNED
Heh, heh
I WAS JUST...
DOUBTING A LITTLE...
YEAH...
Heh, heh,
I'M A REALLY AWFUL PERSON.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
SORRY
EH? WHAT?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

HEY... COULD YOU SHARE IT WITH ME?
YOUR LIGHT...
YOUTA'S LIGHT IS...
BRIGHT AND PURE
EVEN MY CLOUDED HEART...
AND IT CLEARS

MM...
PANT
SHURI.
SAN.
I... JUST CAN'T WAIT...
ANYMORE I...
DON'T WAIT
MAKE LOVE TO ME
FOR REAL?
EEEEH?!
IS THAT ALRIGHT?!?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HERE?
NO I CAN'T
AAAAAAAAH
WITH NO PROTECT ON?
OH! MY GOD
!?
!?
!?
YOUTA

RIGHT NOW,
I WANT TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU...
I LOVE YOU
THUD
YOU'RA IS DIFFER-ENT!!
NO
HE'S NOT
NO

ALL THE SAME
HE'S DIFFERENT
IT'S THE SAME
STOP IT---
AH
MEN ARE ALL ALIKE
I HATE THIS
IT'S DISGUSTING
KYAAA..
SCRATCHES
NOOOOOOO!!
---- OUCH
Panting

...NO...
SORRY
Pants
OH
SHUJI-SAN!
Drip
Drip
WHA--?!
NO
IT'S NOT
I WISH
MEN WOULD DISAPPEAR
IT'S NOT
I DIDN'T MEAN TO
I JUST LIKE YOU! A SO WHY?
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?!
WHEN CAN I MOVE ON?
U-OOOOOH
U-OOOOOH

YOU
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!
I HATE YOU...!
YOU'RE THE ONE TO BLAME!
THUD
THUD
THUD
SL
AP
...WHAT'S WRONG...?

LEAVES
FALLS
...?
...TSK...
HUHU...
LET HER DO WHAT SHE WILL.
WHAT EVER.
AH
TEN
GIVE ME 10 MINUTES...
THERE'S BEEN A DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE ARE YOU ABLE TO TALK ABOUT WORK RIGHT NOW?

ANYTHING RIGHT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES I STILL CAN'T GET
IT'S NOT FAIR
IT CAN WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW
SHAAAA
---KUBO?!
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS ON YOU FIRST LOVE?
Bah!
IF YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED THEN DON'T BOTHER ASKING!
Cranky
Oh,
I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING
WH..AT ARE YOU DOING?
You're not going to drown yourself are you?
OH MY CLOTHES GOT STAINED WITH THE BLOOD FROM MY NOSE AND CHIN
SO I'M WASHING THEM OUT AND COOLING DOWN MY HARD-ON AT THE SAME TIME
I noticed that it's still hard so shouldn't do that
HM.
YOSTAB

SPLA SH
WE MANAGED TO MOVE FORWARD A LITTLE !
NEXT TIME I'LL TRY TO TAKE IT A LITTLE SLOWER AND DO MY BEST !
EH?! YOU MEAN YOU STILL HAVE HOPE?
HE'S SO OPTIMISTIC THAT EVEN GOD IS IN AWE
Drip
Drip
Drip
THANK GOD
---AH...
BUT... I THINK IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOO LATE FOR ME TO ASK YOU ABOUT THIS.
THUD
THUD
THUD
NIJIHARA-SAN-!
WHAT?
Could you put on some clothes, please?
WELL... THERE'S SOME-THING
I WANTED TO ASK YOU WHEN I GOT THE CHANCE
GET TO THE POINT.
WHAT IS IT?
UM...

TIGHTEN
OKAY
TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER
I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP TALL
AND REPORT THE DAY'S FINDINGS TO HIM
I'M HALF AN HOUR LATE
THERE'S NO USE IN AVOIDING IT...
I HAVE TO BUCKLE DOWN AND FOCUS ON MY WORK
WELL
IT'S ABOUT SHURI-SAN

Honey
Bitter
act.21

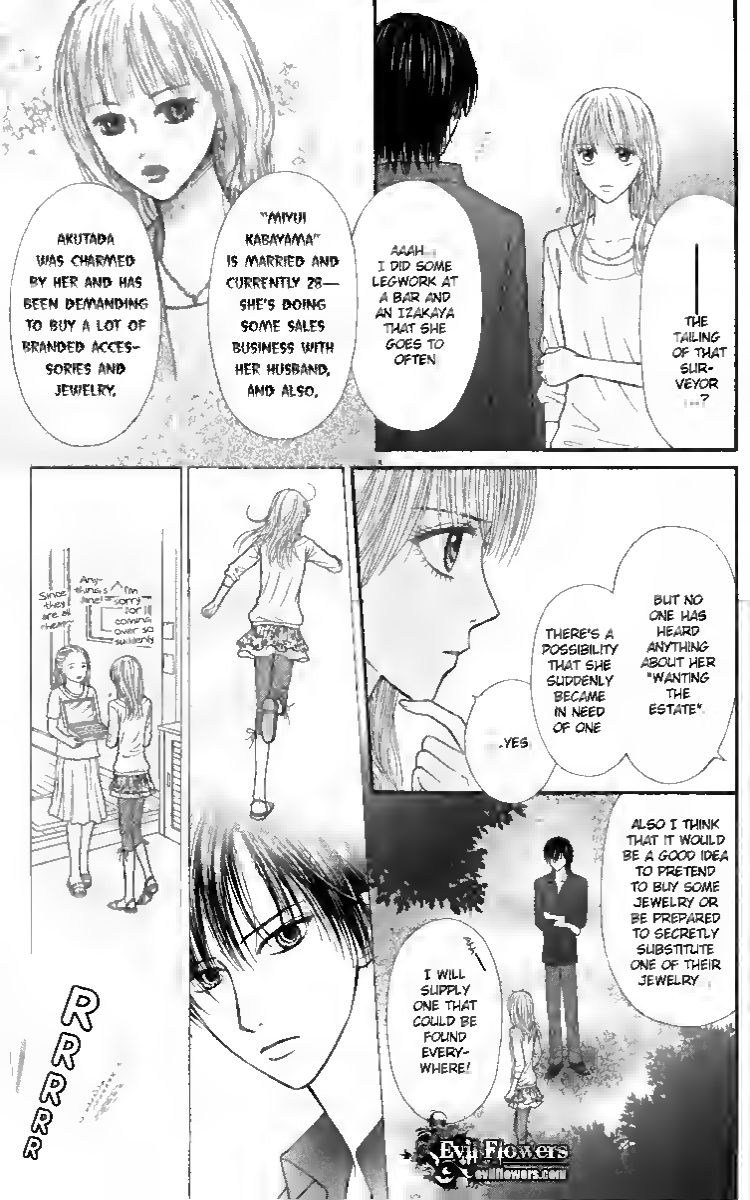
...WHAT IS IT?
THAT I ALMOST DON'T WANT TO MENTION IT, BUT...
UMM. IT'S SOMETHING REALLY MINOR.
.....
IT'S ABOUT... SHURI-SAN.
STEP
STEP
STEP

HUH?
THAT'S...
THOSE...?!
QUICK
IN THE PAST... NIJIHARA-SAN CALLED SHURI-SAN
WITH HONORIFICS ABOUT TWO TIMES...
IT STRUCK ME AS incongruous
Um
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A PERSON THAT WOULD CALL GIRLS' NAMES WITHOUT AN HONORIFIC EASILY.
BUT I WAS STILL BOTHERED BY IT
So unma
AH~ SUCH A SMALL —— !! I'M SORRY
WHA—
.....
AND?
PERHAPS... MAYBE...
WHAT ARE THEY DISCUSS-ING...?!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO WHAT IS HE GOING TO SAY?!
BUT
SHOULD I INTERRUPT THEM?!
WHAT?
.....
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE... YOU GUYS WERE ACQUAINTANCES IN THE PAST,
OR SOMETHING
.....
NO
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!!
HMM, ACQUAINTANCES... IT'S MORE LIKE WE WERE D...TING,
HE WILL DEFINITELY SAY SOMETHING WEIRD !!
AFTER USING HER REPEATEDLY, I DUMPED HER. WHY. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT?
.....
HE'S A BULLY SO...
OH GOD...

FAKE NAMES ARE SOMETHING THAT WE USE AT OUR PLACE TOO, BUT... THERE'RE PLACES THAT CALL EACH OTHER USING CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS.
WELL, OUR PLACE ISN'T STRICT ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING.
THAT'S KIND OF SAD...
REALLY—?! I NEVER KNEW THAT.
ARE PLACES THAT DON'T REVEAL THE REAL NAME, EVEN BETWEEN THE INVESTIGATORS... DID YOU KNOW THAT?
INVESTIGATION ROOMS AND DETECTIVE AGENCIES
—IN OTHER
IS IT STILL A PROBLEM?
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT, BUT
.....
WELL, DURING WORK, BEING ABLE TO CALL EACH OTHER EASILY IS THE BEST SO .
THERE ARE TIMES WHERE IT'S EASIER TO CALL OTOGAWA BY HER 1ST NAME.
AH— COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S TRUE
AND IN YOUR CASE, YOUR LAST NAME IS SHORTER SO I CALL YOU "KUBO."
...NO!
I'M REALLY CONVINCED!
I SEE. I SEE!
I'M SORRY FOR TAKING UP YOUR TIME!
YOU SHOULD BE
PLEASE DON'T TELL SHURI-CHAN
THAT I WAS TROUBLED OVER SUCH A SMALL MATTER!!
HMPH
HMPH ?!
Pfoss?!

FOR THE TIME BEING, HE KEPT HIS PROMISE...
HA
I DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE MY EX
I won't tell her
Also, do you already have a plan for tomorrow?
Yes, I was thinking of starting from the eastern part
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT MANY TIMES ALREADY
NO
"THIS IS SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM"
BUT, I WONDER IF THIS IS RIGHT
HIDING SOMETHING FROM YOU?
RUSTL
THIS IS THE RIGHT CHOICE, RIGHT?
TELLING HIM IS ONLY GOING TO CAUSE EVERYONE TO FEEL AWKWARD
I'm sorry.
ABOUT LAST TIME!
GREAT JOB...
A PART OF AN INVESTIGATOR'S JOB.
MAKING UP A GOOD LIE QUICKLY IS ALSO...


THE TAILING OF THAT SURVEYOR...?
AAAH... I DID SOME LEGWORK AT A BAR AND AN IZAKAYA THAT SHE GOES TO OFTEN.
"MIYUI KABAYAMA" IS MARRIED AND CURRENTLY 28—SHE'S DOING SOME SALES BUSINESS WITH HER HUSBAND, AND ALSO,
AKUTADA WAS CHARMED BY HER AND HAS BEEN DEMANDING TO BUY A LOT OF BRANDED ACCESSORIES AND JEWELRY.
BUT NO ONE HAS HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HER "WANTING THE ESTATE".
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT SHE SUDDENLY BECAME IN NEED OF ONE
...YES.
ALSO I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRETEND TO BUY SOME JEWELRY OR BE PREPARED TO SECRETLY SUBSTITUTE ONE OF THEIR JEWELRY.
AAA—
I WILL SUPPLY ONE THAT COULD BE FOUND EVERYWHERE!
Any-thing's fine! I'm sorry for coming over so suddenly.
Since they are on vacation!
RRRRRR
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SHURI-SAN! WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
AH I JUST WENT TO MY RELATIVES' HOUSE FOR A BIT
GRANDMA COLLAPSED !!
THUD
THUD
THUD
RATTLE
GRAND— GRANDMA ?!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT GRAND— GRANDMA ?!
IT'S OKAY... IT'S JUST A LITTLE COLD.
IT'S 'CAUSE SHE LOST QUITE A BIT OF RESIST- NCE, SO...

DING DO— NG
AH... I'M SORRY... NOT YET
OH! THE DOCTOR HAS AR- RIVED!
I— SEE
COUGH

COUGH
AH—— WHAT ABOUT TANI-SAN ...?
DID YOU FIND OUT SOMETHING?

Yes. Good afternoon!
WELL, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING UNUSUAL, SO DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT.
CLOSE...
THAT SURPRISED ME...
Y-YEA..... WELL SHE'S AT AN OLD AGE...
UM.
...I'M...
SORRY
SHHHH
SHHHH
WE HAVE TO FIND "TANI-SAN" FOR HER!
Yes
DO YOUR BEST I WILL ALSO GO HELP YOU ONCE I'M FINISHED WITH MY BUSINESS
YOU TOO ARE YOU OKAY WITH DRIVING?
Yes. I'LL DRIVE CAREFULLY AND USE THE CAR'S GPS...
LET'S.
CONCENTRATE ON WORK, SHALL WE?!
SINCE WE'RE BOTH BUSY TOMORROW!
Y-YEA...

VROOOOM...
Senior outfit
Alright—
LET'S GO LUKE!
Hiding myself from detection
VROOM
That's too much for a first start
WHOA
SO SLOW !!
SHO—CK
SLOW
SLOW

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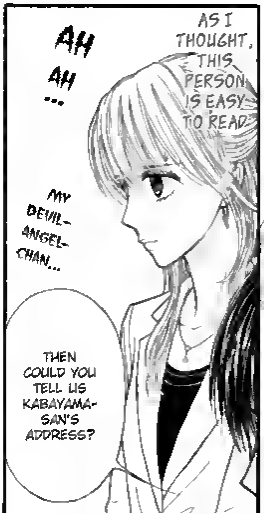
Investigator FUUTA YAS
THIS IS MY CARD
HAA— AN INVESTIGATOR... YASUDA-SAN?
HMM. THERE WAS A SCHOOL?
OH A DOGGY GOOD BOY—
IT'S OUR INVESTIGATIVE DOG ♥
REALLY
THERE USED TO BE A SCHOOL CALLED "SEKISHIMO SCHOOL" IN THIS AREA BUT DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
Fuutaro's office location
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?!
Uhmm. I'VE ALREADY BEEN ASKING EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CITY
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
HOOHH...

DEPRESSED...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU WERE FOUND OUT BY THE MIKAE-SAN!!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING!!
IT SEEMS LIKE I MADE HER MAD...
WE'VE AGREED TO MEET KABAYAMA-SAN
HAAA... BUT...


AH AH...
AS I THOUGHT, THIS PERSON IS EASY TO READ.
MY DEVIL-ANGEL-CHAN...
THEN COULD YOU TELL US KABAYAMA-SAN'S ADDRESS?

AH AH...
IT'S THE END FOR BOTH OF US!!
THIS ISN'T A JOKE!! I'M NOT GOING TO GO MEET THEM!!
I WAS DUMPED
I WAS DUMPED...

THEN... WE'LL EXCUSE OURSELVES FOR TODAY.
OK.
Let's see.
THERE'S ONLY ONE ZEBRAS MANSION IN THIS CITY
APARTMENT
Zebras Mansion
AHHH, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO THERE ANYMORE ...
Plus she'll never meet you
There
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD IT IS PRIVATE INFORMATION.
BY THE WAY, IS IT AN APARTMENT OR A SINGLE BUILDING?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER YOU KNOW THAT?
I'M NOT TELLING YOU
...YES?
UMM... I'M A RELATIVE OF THE MIKAGA FAMILY THAT PLANNED TO MEET YOU TODAY BUT—— IT'S ABOUT THE ESTATE.
HUH?! HOLD ON...IT'S TROUBLESOME FOR YOU TO SUDDENLY COME OVER
DING DO~NG
Zebras Mansion
...I WONDER IF SHE'LL MEET US ...
WELL, WE HAVE TO TRY.
MY APOLOGIES I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST TO COME TALK TO YOU EARLY
...AH— I DON'T HAVE TIME... TODAY, BUT ...
BUT BECAUSE YOU CAME ALREADY, IT'S FINE, IF IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE BIT.

I'M HARADA, A RELATIVE OF MIKAGA.
SAME HERE. I'M HARADA. I'M HIS YOUNGER SISTER
OH, YOU WERE WITH SOMEONE
Well welcome.
I'M MIYUI KABAYAMA.
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE SURVEYOR THAT RUSHED IN...
MY APOLOGIES.
IT WAS A REALLY GOOD ESTATE AND I REALLY WANTED IT...
WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE OF UTILIZATION? IS IT FOR A HOUSE?
NO, UM. I WANTED TO BUILD A WAREHOUSE FOR MY WORK.
WHAT IS YOUR WORK?
MAINLY WE SELL JEWELRY AND IMPORTED BRAND-NAME GOODS
IT'S NO GOOD
THIS PERSON IS DIFFICULT
SHE DOESN'T THINK CLEARLY IN WORDS
SHE'S THE TYPE THAT ONLY USES IMAGES
I CAN TELL THAT SHE'S BEEN DRIVEN IN A CORNER BY SOMETHING

I will pour some tea as well
Oh, are you interested?
Wait a sec I will bring it right now!
Only pictures
No words
Hard to read
I'm sorry
Oh
Yes, I will
Why don't you get her to show you some jewelry?
It's vexing
I wish everyone could be easy to read
Hard to read
I'm sorry
Then, a regular investigation will do No problem
Yea you're right but
I will follow it even if it's just images
But
Where is your husband right now?
Yes I think it is negotiable, depending on the offer
Huh, is that so?
The rightful claimant of the estate is in Tokyo right now and I'd prefer to discuss matters with that side first
Oh about that
The husband's face
Does your husband have the same job?
Yes He is the company's president
The estate... my husband is the one who wants it
This kind of person
I've memorized it

!!
THIS ENTRANCE
IF I FIND ANYTHING I WILL CONTACT YOU IMMEDIATELY
A WEEKLY APARTMENT ?
HE IS HIDING SOMEWHERE
THAT'S A LIE!
RIGHT NOW HE IS BUSY GOING AROUND BUYING PRODUCTS
I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS
BLOOD ?!
MUD
WHAT ?!
I JUST STARTED USING A LAPTOP
HUH? WELL YEAH...
AS I THOUGHT, DO YOU MANAGE YOUR WORK WITH A PC ?
OH, IT'S A LAPTOP!
STEP STEP STEP
SHE'S A REALLY RESTLESS GIRL...
HEY HEY
IT'S RUDE TO PEEK AT PEOPLE'S MONITORS

Not at all! If you buy a software for it, it's easy.
Isn't using a laptop to manage work kind?
Ok—Then
AH.
PW
SHOP'S PW
ログイン…-7037*2
ID--LB84
A NOTE?!
MO. SA-22
THIS IS IT!!
IT'S OKAY— RIGHT? DON'T YOU NEED A PASSWORD TO GET TO THE ADMIN SITE FOR THINGS LIKE THIS?!
HUH, WELL OF COURSE...
SHOP
THINK OF IT!!
PASSWORD, PASSWORD!
OK—AY
I'M SORRY EXCUSE ME FOR A SEC
GR RR RR
Yes yes
It's calling for you.
Rattle
SSHHH——
QUICK QUICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
Install— my 2 wiretap
SNEAK

IT'S FINE
EX-EXCUSE ME...
DID I DRINK TOO MUCH YESTERDAY...?
PYING DATA
42%
WHINE~
I'LL MAKE SURE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE RIGHTFUL CLAIMANT
IF YOUR HUSBAND CONTACTS YOU, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY
I will bring my card next time!
EH? OH, REALLY
UM... I DON'T HAVE MUCH ON HAND TODAY SO.
PLEASE LET ME SHOW YOU SOME STUFF NEXT TIME!
THE HUSBAND IS SUSPICIOUS... "HAJIME KABAYAMA"
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE CAME HOME COVERED IN SOMETHING LIKE MUD AND BLOOD IN THE PAST
PLUS, HE IS ABSCONDED SOMEWHERE
ALL RIGHT, IT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE...
I'LL STAKE OUT THIS PLACE FOR NOW
COULD YOU GATHER INFORMATION BY CALLING THE CUSTOMERS ON THE LIST FOUND IN THE DATA?
Using that public phone
YES AND APPRAISING THE JEWELLERY
Sweetness & Lightning

HELLO? JUST NOW, SOMEONE FROM THE MIKAGAS CAME!!
THEY SAID THAT THE RIGHTFUL CLAIMANT ISN'T THAT GRANNY, BUT SOMEONE IN TOKYO!
I HAVE TO GET IT IN MY HANDS QUICKLY
CAN'T YOU JUST GIVE UP THAT PLACE?
THEY WON'T FIND IT
HUH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
Hey GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT DID IT, AREN'T YOU?!
ARE YOU OK WITH SOMEONE FINDING OUT?!
DON'T BE SCARED
IT ISN'T ABOUT BEING SCARED...
~~~AH!! I'M THE ONE MOVING AROUND THE MOST!!
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!!
SLAM
IF IT'S FOUND...
I CAN JUST KILL THEM...
IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ANYMORE...
NO MATTER HOW MANY I KILL...
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THE 2 OF US PICKED IT UP TOGETHER
AND WE SPLIT IT IN HALF
SAYING, LET'S KEEP IT FOREVER ♡
HE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON
TANI-SAN
Stand up
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO!
I CAN GO TO HUNDREDS MORE HOUSES!
PA
OH, THE PHONE!
UM~~I'M NISHIKAWA FROM EARLIER. ARE YOU YASUDA-SAN?
A- YES!
YOU KNOW WHAT, I HEARD FROM MY DAD THAT
GRANDPA WENT TO GO GAMES OFTEN...

TN: GO IS A TYPE OF JAPANESE BOARD GAME

Bow
THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!
IS THAT SO?! NO, IT'S OKAY. I WILL LOOK INTO IT.
IT HAD A "YA" OR SOMETHING LIKE "YA-SOMETHING"
I don't remember it well
IT'S IN THE CITY... MY DAD WAS LIKE, "I WONDER WHERE IT IS", AND
IT SEEMS LIKE HIS CLASSMATES OFTEN GATHER THERE, CAN'T YOU GO THERE TO GET SOME INFORMATION?
OH!! IS THAT SO?!!
TRUTHFULLY SO FAR, YOU'VE BEEN USELESS !!
I'm tired
WOOOF
THOUGH IT'S A BIT FAR... LET'S GO, LUKE !!
LUKE-KUN!! THIS!
THE GO PARLOURS IN THE CITY THAT START WITH "YA"
Ok
OK, 2 MATCHES!! ALRIGHT!!
INSTANTLY...
I COULD TELL IT'S CLEARLY A FAKE...
THIS
WHILE THE HUSBAND TARGETS ELDERLY PEOPLE,
THE WIFE MAKES MEN BUY JEWELLERY BY FLIRTING WITH THEM, FOR THE MOST PART,
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY CHANGED THE SHOP'S NAME AND CONTINUE WITHOUT LEARNING ...
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN CHARGES WERE FILED ON SUSPICION OF FRAUD ...
ABOUT HALF THE CUSTOMERS DIDN'T LIKE IT.
ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH I DID BY PHONE,

THEY'D SAY THINGS LIKE, "MY PARENTS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL AND HAVING A HARD TIME" OR SOMETHING TO GET SYMPATHY
SOFT-HEARTED PEOPLE SEEM TO BE EASILY DECEIVED
THAT'S A TYPICAL CON ARTIST
I WAS ABLE TO RECORD A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HER AND SOMEONE THAT MIGHT BE HER HUSBAND
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT DID IT, AREN'T YOU!!
ARE YOU OK WITH SOMEONE FINDING OUT?!
IT ISN'T ABOUT BEING SCARED
THIS IS
IF THEY ARE JUST SCARED OF THEIR FRAUD BEING FOUND OUT
THE ESTATE IS IRRELEVANT
PLUS
BLOOD,
MUD
IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO,
THEY MIGHT BE DOING THE SAME THING AS YOU
...KILLING...PEOPLE...
AND BURYING THEM
THAT'S WHY THEY WANT TO BUY THE ESTATE
IN THAT ESTATE...?
HOLD ON. I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE.
Well
THAT PART IS FINE
For now
IT'S NOT
OH WELL
I'M THINKING THE SAME THING.
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WELL, IT'S THE "WORST CASE" SO...
EVEN IF THAT'S IT, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
IN ORDER TO CATCH THE HUSBAND THERE'S NO OTHER WAY THAN TO KEEP WATCHING THE WIFE
SOME-THING LIKE A MURDER...!!
IN A PLACE LIKE MY ESTATE
I DON'T WANT IT TO BE RIGHT!
OH, HERE SHE COMES.
IT'S A TAXI
ARE YOU CAPABLE OF FOLLOWING THE CAR?
YE-
YES...
I GOT PRETTY USED TO IT TODAY... I THINK.
FIRST TIME TAILING A CAR.
Shining The Back Door
Hotel Break
IS HER PURPOSE TO GET SALES? OR...!
THE TARGET THEY TAILED THAT DAY, MET SECRETLY WITH 3 MEN AT PLACES LIKE A ♡ HOTEL!
MA'AM! SUCH A THING OCCURRING IN THE DAYTIME!!
VROOOM
VROOM
MY MY, AREN'T YOU REALLY ENERGETIC?!
I'M SO JEALOUS!
REPORT BY YOUTA
WHY I CAN DO SUCH A THING WHEN I'M NOT THERE YOU ASK? IT'S LOVE LOVE!? HAHAHA♥
UH— SHURI-SAN IS HAVING A HARD TIME WITH DRIVING SO, I, YOUTA WILL BE IN CHARGE OF NARRATING!

EXHAUSTED...
The 3RD one is taking a long time...
...That's what you'd call a "seductress"...
Starting to use brains

IF IT IS USEFUL DURING AN INVESTIGATION, THEN IT'S AN OPTION, BUT
I WANT TO AVOID IT AS MUCH AS I CAN...
HMM—... IS THAT SO?
IT'S NOT LIKE, "A MARRIED WOMAN, LUCKY—♪"

TH, IT WOMAN... SHE HAD THAT KIND OF "INTENTION" WHEN WE WERE THERE.
That's why she let you in her room?
IF IT WAS JUST YOU, SHE WOULD'VE WENT AFTER YOU, FOR SURE.

...WOMEN ARE JUST TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
IN THE PAST WHENEVER I SAW SOMEBODY'S GIRLFRIEND, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT, "HOW DO THEY PUT UP WITH THEM"?
THEY ORDER YOU AROUND?
I DO NOT NEED ONE.
There're noisy...
Huh...?
MISTER, I NEVER KNEW, YOU THOUGHT OF WOMEN LIKE THAT.
WHAT IS HE
IF WE ARE SO TROUBLESOME, WHY DID YOU GO OUT WITH ME BACK THEN...?

IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE MY TYPE..
WHY...? I DUNNO
BY THE WAY ...WHAT PART? I WONDER
WHAT PART ?
.....
...OHHH
I'LL GO GET SOME DRINKS AND STUFF
I'LL HAVE A BOTTLE WATER
.....
I SEE..
LIKE YOUR FACE...
...BODY... ATMO-SPHERE ...
...WELL, EVERY-THING?

GRIT!!
NO, NO! AFTER THAT HE WAS MEAN!
DON'T BE DISRUPTED, IDIOT
I'll pray you'll get rid of this twitter!
He he
Miu (the girl)
Grrr
Grrr
Rest assured!
I always bring self-defense weapons
When I'm alone with him
By the way
GO SALON Yasaku
Uh
UM AND THERE'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU
OH— I SEE, YOUNG MAN YOU ARE FROM TOKYO
AS EXPECTED SO SMARTLY DRESSED
NOWADAYS EVEN YOUNG KIDS COME TO DO IT~~ SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE INFLUENCED BY MANGAS
"DEATH NOTE"?
NO UM,
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS GO SALON, YOUNG MAN?!
Hidden
HAhahaha
THAT'S A RESTAURANT
ISN'T IT DENNY'S?
THAT'S RIGHT~~ THAT! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S FROM JOHNNY'S
IT'S THE ONE BEFORE THAT~~ YOU'LL DIE OTHERWISE~~
Ahahaha
T/N: JOHNNY'S IS A FAMOUS TALENT AGENCY IN JAPAN
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT GUY SAYING ~~?!!
This is the first time I've ever heard some thing like that
THAT GUY~~ I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
MY PEACE IS BEING DISRUPTED
EVEN NOW!

ERR!! EXCUSE ME, PLEASE LISTEN!!
WHOA
What's wrong using such a loud voice!
My soul will pop out!
Be careful!!
I AM LOOKING FOR SOMEONE CALLED "TANI-SAN"!
I WAS TOLD THAT HE USED TO GO TO SEKISHIMO SCHOOL ...
Entire group Spaced out
TANI-SAN ...?
UM... ER... A PERSON CALLED "CHITOSE MIKAGA" WAS LOOKING FOR HIM...
MIKAGA
IS THERE ANYONE THAT USED TO BE CLOSE ...
HUH, THEY'RE FAR?
I FOUND HIM!
AND, WHAT ABOUT THAT MATSU-YA-SAN?
DOES HE COME HERE?
I DID IT, SHURI-SAN!
HMM— ABOUT 2 TIMES A WEEK?
AH, BUT HE HASN'T BEEN COMING RECENTLY.
OHH! IT'S CHII-CHAN, CHII-CHAN OF MIKAGA!
Oh, Grandpa!
Oh—
IT'S MATSU-YA-SAN, "KENZOU MATSUYA" !!
THE ONE THAT USED TO HANG OUT WITH CHII-CHAN WAS...
She was so cute, huh?
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT !!
COME TO THINK OF IT THERE WERE OTHERS "MATSU-SAN," "KEN-SAN" AND ALSO, "TANI-SAN" THAT MUST BE TANI-SAN!
He often had a rose in his mouth.
And it was bloody from the thorns

Pitter
Patter
IS THAT SO... PLEASE, TELL ME MORE!
THEY SEEM TO BE PRETTY OSPERCUS THESE DAYS
PROBABLY WENT ON A TRIP WITH HIS WIFE.
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S AWAY.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR ABOUT A WEEK EITHER.
POURING
KNOCK
Damn it
IT STARTED RAINING...
IS THAT SO...
IS IT OVERNIGHT...
AS I THOUGHT, THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT.
YOU CAN REST FOR A BIT, SO SWITCH WITH ME IN THE MORNING.
Hotel REST
I UNDERSTAND
KEEPING SURVEILLANCE ALL NIGHT? HUH...
IT'S HARD...
Cr
I'M ALREADY FEELING SLEEPY... SAY SOMETHING.
ONCE I GET PASS THIS I CAN STAY AWAKE FOR 3 DAYS
Uh
SHOULD I TURN ON THE RADIO?
DON'T BE STINGY.
UMM...
ONCE... ONCE

DOES IT SAY HURT?
A FISH BONE... GOT STUCK IN MY THROAT AND I COULDN'T GET IT OUT FOR A LONG TIME...
THERE WERE TIMES THAT I WASN'T BOTHERED BY IT, BUT WHEN I WAS, IT USED TO HURT A LOT.
WHEN I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL, IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE TAKEN OUT UNDER ANES-THESIA...
IS WHAT... I REMEMBERED WHEN I SAW THE FISH IN THE LUNCH IN THE CONVENIENCE STORE...
.....
... YOU ARE LIKE THAT BONE.
.....
IT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
... LIKE, WHO IS THIS NOBODY?
.....
HA HA
HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT...
I don't get it.
YOU'RE PRETTY SLOW, AREN'T YOU?
HEE?
WELL I WONDER...
WERE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

TN: THERE'S A JAPANESE SAYING WHICH LOOSELY MEANS, "WHO IS THIS NOBODY". THAT CAN BE LITERALLY TRANSLATE TO "WHERE'D THE HORSE BONE COME FROM."

AND ONCE WE DID MEET, HE TREATED ME VIOLENTLY
DURING THAT TIME, WE HAD ONLY MET A FEW TIMES
DOES THAT STILL COUNT AS "DATING"?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
WE BARELY TALKED..
SOMEHOW
IT WAS ABOUT
3 MONTHS
ONLY
I KEPT STARING AT THE CEILING AND THE WALL
THINKING, THIS WILL END SOON
ALWAYS ENDURING THE PAIN,
I WANTED TO TALK A BIT MORE
JUST JOKING.
WHY?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO TALK WITH ME NOW?
FINE.
RIGHT NOW, I HAVE A VERY GENTLE BOYFRIEND WHO WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING, SO IT'S FINE!
THEN TALK RIGHT NOW
I WILL LISTEN TO YOU.

.....
POURING
TODAY
THE ME THAT TURNED 19,
GIRLS SAY THINGS THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO SAY .
IT'S REALLY TROUBLE-SOME
WHAT? I DID MY BEST TO TALK ABOUT IT, BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME TO.
TRUTHFULLY,
I KNOW IT MYSELF
IS BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PERSON.
AND THE REASON WHY NEITHER OF THEM IS GOING WELL
HAS BOTH LOVE AND WORK TAKING UP MOST OF MY LIFE.

Ring~
Wa
DRDRDR
AH, YOUTA?
YES, YES!
AH, THEN HOLD ON A SEC, I'LL SWITCH TO 3-WAY CALLING
WOW~~~ THAT'S AWESOME! "KENZOU MATSUYA" AND "MACHIKO" ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE.
I'M GLAD THEY'RE ALIVE AND IN GOOD SHAPE !!
YES YES
YEAH, I WROTE IT DOWN
EH?
HIS WHEREABOUTS?
YEA.. THEY SAID THAT THEY HAVEN'T KNOWN FOR ABOUT A WEEK..
PEOPLE THAT KNOW HIM SAY THAT HE "PROBABLY WENT ON A TRIP WITH HIS WIFE THEY SEEM TO BE PRETTY PROSPEROUS THESE DAYS"
WHAT EXACTLY THIS PERSON IS TO ME
IF WE TALKED WITH EACH OTHER PROPERLY ...
WOULD IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?
PROPERLY FACED EACH OTHER

KA...BA?
WAI...
WAIT...
THIS PART CONNECTS
?!
PROS-PEROUS... WHAT'S YOUR PROOF?
OH, IT SEEMS LIKE THE WIFE HAS BEEN BUYING A TON OF JEWELLERY...
SOMETHING ABOUT "K..BA-S..N'S JEWELLERY"...
ARGH~~ IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND THOSE OLD GUYS.
...SHUN-SAN?
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW, YOUTA?!
I WAS JUST SEARCHING FOR MAT-SUYA-SAN'S HOUSE... I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF IT
AS I THOUGHT HE'S AWAY... THE GATE IS LOCKED AND— TRESPASSING WOULD BE BAD, RIGHT?
YEA—— JUST LEAVE AND COME BACK NOW!
Y-YES I UNDER-STAND.
AND... INFORMING GRAND-GRANDMA CAN BE DONE LATER!
YES, I UNDER-STAND
YOU DID WELL, YOUTA
GOOD WORK
YEA.
WE'LL SEE YOU LATER

...THERE'S ANYTHING WORSER THAN THIS...?
I'M SEEING IT AGAIN
Just a sec.
BUT YOU KNOW "MATSUYA" WAS NOT ON THE CLIENT LIST
HIS NAME'S NOT THERE, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN!
IF HE KILLED HIM... HE'D ERASED IT FROM THE LIST... IT'S DECISIVE
IT CAN'T BE...!
I KNOW WE CAN'T LET HAJIME KABAYAMA FLEE...
I'M STAYING HERE... WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I WANT... TO GO BACK TO MY GREAT-GRANDMA'S PLACE... ONCE MORE
...DO YOU HAVE A WEA-PON?
REST
ONLY SELF-DEFENCE TOOLS... LIKE A BATON STUN GUN...
I'M THE SAME
I GUESS THERE'S A POSSI-BILITY KABA-YAMA GOES THERE
YOU'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE
TELL THEM TO COME WITHOUT THEIR SIREN BLARING
POLICE... WON'T TAKE ACTION UNTIL A CRIME IS ACTUALLY COMMITTED
ASK KOUNO-SAN TO PULL SOME STRINGS AND CALL THEM!
ALL RIGHT
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TOO
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GRANDMA, SHUIRI-CHAN CAME BACK
GREAT-GRANDMA ARE YOU ALLOWED TO GET UP?
IT'S OKAY~~ WE GOTTA EAT THE CAKE!
I ordered it from Senkou
WON'T YOU SIT DOWN QUICKLY~~
AH...!
19
THOUGH I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD...
MY BE-LOVED PEOPLE
CELE-BRATING FOR ME IS...
DING DO~NG
AH——
THE POLICE CAME
KEI-CHAN, COME HERE A BIT
YES?!
REALLY TOUCHING
THANK YOU

NO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'M SORRY, WE ARE SHORT STAFFED. THEY CAN ONLY SEND OUT ONE PERSON.
A POLICE GUARD?!
WELL THAT'S A LITTLE FAR FETCHED
THE SUSPECT ONLY WANTED THE ESTATE, RIGHT?
WELL... THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE, IT'S BETTER TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS...
ANYWAY, PLEASE DON'T LET ANYONE LEAVE THIS HOUSE
IT'S YOUTA-KUN...
HOW IS TANI-SAN...
AH—!
I'M SORRY...
STILL... UMM... A LITTLE MORE...
I WANT TO SAY IT
IS THAT SO...
COUGH
BUT, YOU WILL SOON BE ABLE TO MEET HIM
IS THAT SO
I WANT TO MEET HIM QUICKLY...

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LUKE . WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN?
WOOF
COME HERE! I'LL WIPE YOU DOWN.
WOOF
WOOF WOOF
SOME-HOW I SUD-DENLY,
I FEEL SOMEONE CALLING...
POURING
WOOF!
I SAID COME HERE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
WHAT? A MUDDY ...

I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT...
WHAT... DID YOU SEE...?
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF WOOF !
WOOF
STOP
LUKE...
A SOCK ...?
WOOF
He's barking a lot...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
BUT
IF I DON'T SEE IT...
NO . UM, IT...
SEEMS LIKE HE'S FOUND SOMETHING
COULD YOU COME WITH ME ...?
HE SURE DIGS A LOT... IS THERE SOME KIND OF TREASURE ...?
DIG
DIG
DIG

AA
AGH
EEEE
?!
I SEE
I UNDER-STAND... WE'RE GOING WITH THE POLICE TO ARREST THE WIFE
Yes, yes. WE'LL GET THE HUSBAND'S LOCATION OUT OF HER.
CAN YOU STOP THE MASS MEDIA? TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE
YES, PLEASE DO SO QUICKLY
HEY ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'm I'M FINE!!
I see.
I WILL LEAVE THAT MATTER TO YOU.

I WANT MORE POWER ...
POWER ...
I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANY-THING ...
SUR-PASS ANY-THING !!
A POWER THAT CAN ...

Honey Bitter
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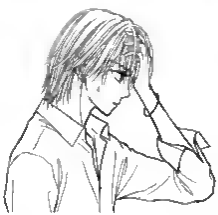
WE, AS WITNESSES
CAME TO SEE THE MORNING CAPTURED BY THE POLICE
KNOCK KNOCK!
SO YOU'RE SAYING,
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I KEPT SAYING, SINCE LAST NIGHT ...
That it was no more than a guess.
YOU JUST PRESUMED THAT BODIES WERE BURIED THERE?
BY SOME FATALITY
MY GREAT-GRANDMA'S FIRST LOVE AND HIS WIFE
HAD LAID AT REST IN THE PREMISES OF MIKAGA.
Tamiesu



DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY GAVE US AN EXCEPTIONAL WARNING!
HE SAID: "MINIMIZE THE QUESTIONING AND DO NOT DISTURB THE MISSION OF THE INVESTIGATORS FROM OFFICE S*.
EH...?
YOU OKAY?
UMM... YEAH... YOUTA IS BEING BOMBARDED WITH QUESTIONS, TOO...
I ASKED THEM TO STOP IT. HE'S IN THE HALLWAY
Whisper
The Director S from Tokyo the one from the Imperial Incident
Yeah, it's scary
Eh, seh, h
Whisper
Yeah, just a little.
Did you get some sleep?
It's been tough huh?
YOUTA!

YOU MEAN THE CRIMINAL IS ON THE RUN RIGHT NOW?
DOES HE KNOW WE FOUND THE BODY?
NOW WE'RE ASKING HER ABOUT OTHER POSSIBLE PLACES HE MIGHT BE HIDING AT
IT'S STILL UNKNOWN.
ALL RIGHT
NIJIHARA-SAN, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I PAIRED UP WITH A DETECTIVE AND WE CORNERED KABAYAMA'S WIFE.
WE DREW HER OUT OF KABAYAMA'S HIDE-OUT, BUT HE WAS ALREADY GONE.
I HEARD THAT IT WAS "A SEARCH FOR HIS FIRST LOVE"
AND "THE ONE WHO HAD THE PRECIOUS SEASHELLS OF MEMORIES"... IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE TAKE THIS
SHE'S FROM HIS BEREAVED FAMILY...
ARE YOU PEOPLE FROM "OFFICE S"... WHO FOUND MY FATHER?
YES...
UM! EXCUSE ME...
A LONG TIME AGO, HE'D GIVEN AN ORDER TO HAVE THIS MADE, SO THAT THESE PRECIOUS SEASHELLS WOULD NOT BE LOST.
THIS IS A COMB HE ALWAYS CARRIED WITH HIM.

THUD THUD THUD
IN FRONT OF B TOWN STATION
THE WEST GATE
HE CARRIED THIS AROUND AT ALL TIMES
ANY PROGRESS?!
ACK, NIJIHARA-SAN!
WE'VE FOUND HAJIME KABAYAMA! THEY'RE CHASING AFTER HIM NOW.
CAN I COME WITH YOU AGAIN?!
SURE!!
DID THEY FIND HIM?!
HE WAS FOUND AT THE LARGE PUBLIC BATH IN THE NEIGHBORING CITY HE'S CURRENTLY ON THE RUN BY BIKE

I'VE NEVER SEEN
BRR RRR
YOU'LL A SMILE FALSELY FOR EVEN A MOMENT
SHOCK,
SADNESS,
AND SIMMERING ANGER
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I.
I DIDN'T WANT TO PUT YOU THROUGH ALL THIS...
CRUMBLE...
SLIDE
HURRY AND CATCH HIM RIGHT AWAY...!
OF COURSE IT'LL ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME
Victims
The estimated time of death was 7 days ago
Kenzou Matsuya-san, age 85, died from a blow to the head and strangulation
His wife, Machiko-san, age 80, died from a head blow
The murderer is Hajime Kabayama, age 31, a fraudster who foists false goods

KEI-CHAN! HOW'S GREAT-GRANDMA?
SHE'S FINE. SHE WAS SLEEPING AND DIDN'T NOTICE THE DISTURBANCE
WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMINAL?
HE WAS FOUND IN THE NEIGH-BORING CITY HE'LL BE CAUGHT SOON.
OH WELL THAT'S GOOD
OUR GUARD IS WORN OUT. NOW THAT HE'S WORKED ALL NIGHT LONG
OH MY ! BUT WE NEED HIM TO STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER
They said they couldn't find his cellular phone yet.

Huff
Huff
STEP STEP STEP..
WOOF WOOF!
GOOD BOY. YOU ARE A FINE DOG. I'LL ADMIT IT.
HEY PARTNER.
WOOF

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH ME DO IT LATER..
HEEEY
HUFF!
HUFF!
DON'T JOKE
WHAT...? DON'T TELL ME YOU FOUND SOMETHING AGAIN..
WOOF!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF!
GASP?
THERE'S SOMEONE
.....
CHILL

SHIURI-SAN?
I'M AT THE SCENE WHERE WE FOUND THE BODY...
EH?!
?!
YOU KNOW, THERE'S A STRANGE MAN. AND HE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.
YOUTA ?!
WHA... WAIT A SEC... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
EGA 199
WHAT? WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE... WHY...
HELLO...
AH, HE SAID HELLO TO ME...
ARE YOU TALKING WITH HIM?! YOUTA?!
HERE... WHO DUG IT...?
EH...
WHO...
TOOK MY GRANNY AWAY...?

SHIURI-SAN... I-
I FEEL LIKE HE'S OUR MAN
STAY AWAY FROM HIM RIGHT NOW!!
YO.
YOUTA!! STAY AWAY!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
VROOM
SCREECH
CLANK
BANG
WE...WE GOT THE CULPRIT!!
AH WELL.. NIJIHARA-SAN'S MOTOR-CYCLE LIGHTLY COLLIDED WITH THE MAN'S BIKE
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THAT'S DANGER-OUS!!
WOOPS SORRY
'CAUSE YOU GUYS ARE SO SLOW!
CLATTERING

YOU MUST BE HAJIME KABA-YAMA !!
...EH?
NO I'M NOT...
WHAAT?!
I'M NOT ...!
MY NAME IS KINOSHITA
?!
WE WERE CHASING THE WRONG MAN!!
SINCE HE RESEMBLES THE CULPRIT IN APPEAR-ANCE ..
Come to think of it
I haven't checked out how he looks
Shh. No wait. Okokawa has read and seen him
Oh, sh*t
THEN WHY DID HE FLEE?!
HE SAYS HE WAS STEALING AT THE PUBLIC BATH...
Ja—wo! WHAT A CONFUSING GUY!
... WHAT ...
THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING
"MY GRANNY" ...?
TAP TAP TAP

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I... MY POWER HAS DEVELOPED A LITTLE ...?!
...NOW I CAN JUST BARELY READ HIS MIND...
OLD WOMAN
I'VE READ A DRUG USER'S MIND BEFORE DURING TRAINING.
BUT I FAINTED THAT TIME
PISSED OFF
MATED
SPIN SPIN SPIN
PISSED OFF

SHE'S EASY PREY
THIS SUCKER'S GOT CAT
YOU'VE COME TO SEE ME TODAY, HAJIME-CHAN
I'VE COOKED TOO MUCH HAVE SOME FOOD
MY SON IF HE WAS ALIVE, HE MIGHT HAVE LOOKED LIKE YOU
THIS IS REALLY PRETTY
MIND IF I BUY THIS WITH A LOAN?
DUCK
ONLY THE CO-HERENT PART OF HIS MIND
I LIKED GRANNY
IS YOUR MOTHER SICK?
I CAN READ
OH MY THAT MUST BE TOUGH ON YOU

KILL
OLD MAN
WHY!
POLICE
WHY
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME
YOU DECEIVED ME
MY HUSBAND FOUND OUT ABOUT YOU
I'M CALLING THE POLICE
YOU BASTARD
WHY
YOU MUST DIE
TOO OLD
I'LL
I'M A CRIMINAL
GO AGAINST ME
MONEY
WEAK
KILL HIM
I'LL BREAK
WHY
THEY CAN
SO
YOU SEE
CRIMINAL
WHY

I GOT NOTHING BUT SWEET MEMORIES.
WE CAN'T.. HE'S GOT A KNIFE IT'S TOO RISKY!
WE SHOULD BACK OFF
BUT..
HE'S SWAYING, IT MIGHT BE EASY.
HE IS A HABITUAL DRUG USER
HE MUST HAVE BEEN HIGH AROUND THE TIME OF THE CRIME
WAIT
GIMME BACK MY GRANNY ...
WHAT ?
SHURI-SAN...
SHALL WE.. CATCH HIM ..?
WHAT IS THIS "MY GRANNY" CRAP?!!
YOUTA!
YOU KILLED AND BURIED HER!! AND THE OLD MAN, TOO!!

I KILL ILL ILL ILL ILL LL LL
YOUTAAA!
RIGHT...
...NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE... IT'S THE SAME...
AH
DASH
STAB

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DASH
DASH
DASH
EH?
Full speed!
WHY... HOW CAN HE... AFTER I BROKE HIS BONES
I TOLD YOU, IT'S THE DRUGS! HE'S NUMB AND DOESN'T FEEL ANY PAIN.
BRRR
MISTAKE? I SUPPOSE SO BECAUSE HE'S HERE NOW!
WE'RE IN CONTACT WITH DRUG-ADDICTED KABAYAMA! SEND SOME BACKUP!!
THE CULPRIT
HAS SHOWN UP AT THE MURDER SCENE!!
WHAT ?!
HURRY AND HAVE THE POLICE IN THE CITY RUSH OVER THERE!!
VROOOM
KABA-YAMA ?!
WE'LL HEAD FOR THE SCENE!!
OPENS

EEK... HATCHET ..?!
YOUTA! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOW!!
I GOTTA KILL EM
COME ON!! THIS WAY!!
EVERY ONE
I GOTTA KILL THEM
I GOTTA KILL EM
THEM TOO
VROOM
VROOM
EH?
I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET CLOSER TO THE MAIN HOUSE.
I'M SURE NIJIHARA-SAN HAS SENT THE POLICE
LET'S LURE HIM ONTO THE ROAD

KEI-CHAN'S MOTOR-CYCLE!!
ALWAYS LEAVING THE KEY IN
A COUNTRY MAN IS SO CARE-FREE!
VROOM
VROOM
WHACK
THAT... WAS CLOSE...
YOUTA, HURRY !!
CRASH INTO THE TREE AND SELF-DE-STRUCT!!

I KNEW I WOULD FEEL SICK
IF I READ A MIND IN THAT STATE...
I WILL BE
CATCHING UP TO YOU GUYS SOON.
#3 #2 #1
OLICE...
THEY'RE LATE
COME QUICKLY ...!!
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TH- THIS IS...
THE ONLY WAY TO THE OTHER SIDE IS BLOCKED...!
PROBABLY BY THE RAIN LAST NIGHT...!!
HOW CAN WE PASS THROUGH THIS?!

IT'S THE ROAD! SHOULD WE GO DOWN?!
BUT WHAT IF HE CATCHES UP WITH US ON THE ROAD
VROOOOM
HE'S COMING!
AH
WOOF!
WOOF WOOF!
VROOM
LUKE ?!
AGH
BITE
DAMN STUPID DOG!!
LUKE !!
SWISH

EE—EH!
Hee Hee
Keep it up and you can kiss his ass!
YOU!, I KNEW YOU WERE THE BEST DARTS PLAYER!
BUT THAT WAS THE LAST DART!
STAB
!!
LUKE, COME ON!
WOOF!
Yeah.
DAMMIT, HOW LONG ARE THE POLICE GOING TO KEEP US WAITING ?!
WE BETTER NOT COUNT ON THEM!
I THINK WE CAN GET HIS ATTENTION ON THE ROAD
AND HANDLE HIM WITH THIS?
Eh?
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A MINI STICK STUN GUN.
IT CAN GET LONGER
AND I GOT TEAR GAS
WE HAVE NO CHOICE!

SFX: BRRR
DID YOU CALL THE DISASTER PREVENTION DIVISION?!
SFX: NGAH
HMMM. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
SFX: BRRRRR
SFX: BRRRRR
SFX: SHUUUU
DANGEROUS...
HE'S GONNA CAUSE A SECOND ACCIDENT...
SFX: VROOOOM
SFX: BRRRRR
SFX: SCREECH
SFX: VROOOM
SFX: BRRR
SFX: CRUMBLE
QQ AG-GH-HH!
Watch out
Waa aah hhh
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SFX: VROOM
SFX: BOOM
HUFF
HUFF
BR RR RR
PURR
WE CAN PASS NOW
IT'S MOVABLE
READY ?!
GO!
HE'S HERE !!
SFX: BRRRRR
SFX: BRRRRR

MOVE !!
NIJI-HARA-SAN!!
SFX: SCREECH

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SPECIAL
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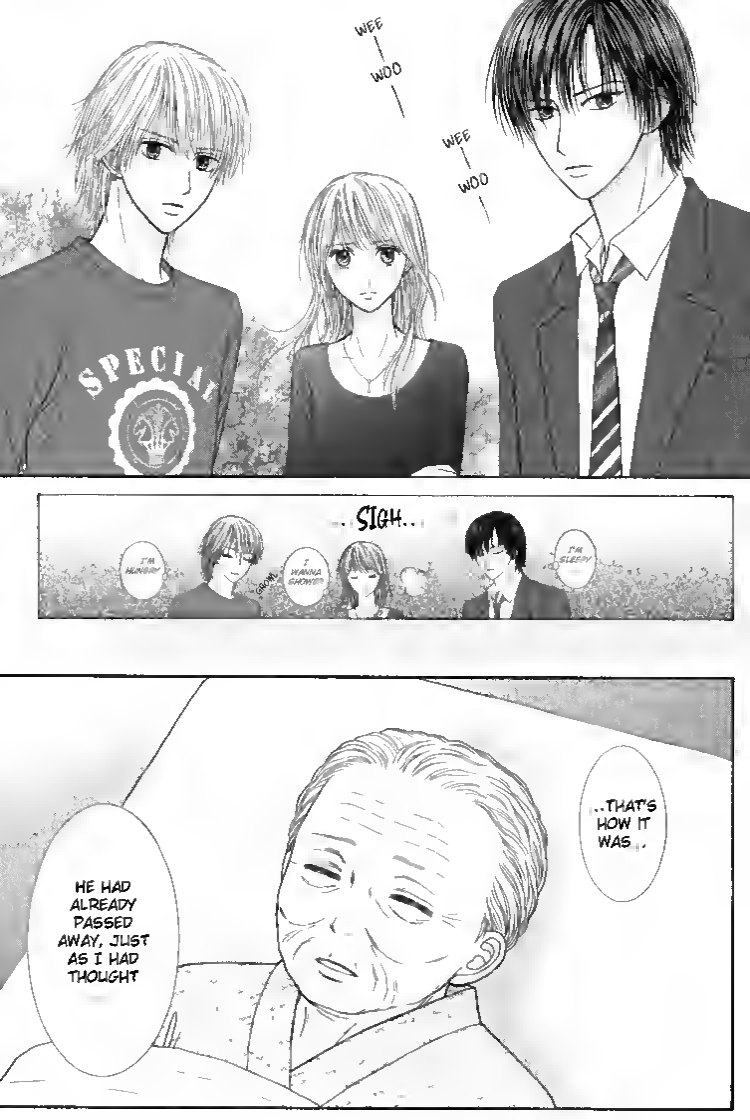
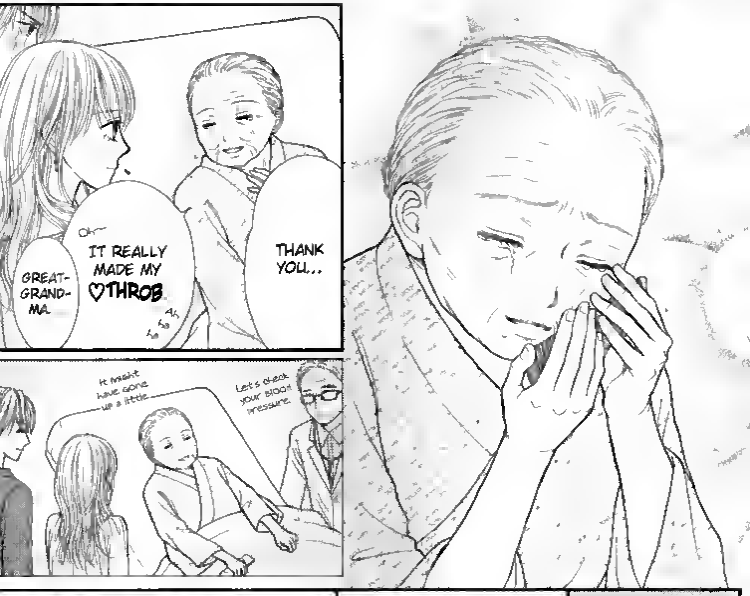
BR RR RR RR RR
VROOM
SHRIEK
VROOM
she didn't even pull over
.....
I wouldn't want him as my enemy
THUD
THUD
...Good
she's alive

EH HH?!
THIS IS KABAYAMA, RIGHT?
FROM NOW ON, PLEASE CONFIRM FIRST, THEN GO AFTER THE SUSPECT!
.....
The culprit, Hajime Kabayama age 31,
was safely[?] arrested
Ah, EVERYONE FROM OFFICE 5!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION!!
Um YOU'RE WELCOME
WE'LL MAKE SURE TO MINIMIZE YOUR INTERVIEWS!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK!
THANKS


WEE
WOO
WEE
WOO
SPECIAL
..SIGH..
I'M HUNGRY
GROWL
I WANNA SHOWER
I'M SLEEPY
HE HAD ALREADY PASSED AWAY, JUST AS I HAD THOUGHT
..THAT'S HOW IT WAS..

Well...
YOU KNOW... WE BORROWED THIS FROM HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.
THIS IS MATSUYA-SAN'S COMB.
I'M NOT SURPRISED
WELL, IT'S ONLY NATURAL WHEN IT COMES TO OUR AGE.
SHE SAID HE HAD THIS COMB SPECIAL ORDERED.
BECAUSE "THESE ARE PRECIOUS SEASHELLS"
..IS THAT SO..
.....
HE HAD ALWAYS CHERISHED THIS...
AND...


GREAT-GRAND-MA
Oh—
IT REALLY MADE MY ♡THROB
Ah, I'm so
THANK YOU...
It might have gone up a little.
Let's check your blood pressure.

GREAT-GRAND-MA
IS SHE READING?!

CHI-CHAN...
CHI-CHAN...
I'M DONE FOR..
HURRY AND FIND ME...
TANI-SAN... MY GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN FOUND YOU.
YOU CAN GO FIRST AND WAIT FOR ME...
WHY?!
STOP! YOU CAN'T READ HIM!!
EH...?
Did she read me?
.....
IS
IS THAT SO
HE... HE WAS FACED WITH SUCH AN INCIDENT
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE CLOSE TO THE END OF YOUR LIFE THIS IS INTOLERABLE..
GREAT-GRAND-MA..
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SUCH A HARD TIME... TANI-SAN..
I WONDER WHY YOU WERE IN OUR LAND
I KNEW YOU WERE CALLING ME..

It's worth a try~
EVEN AFTER REACHING THIS AGE, SOMETHING AS MEASLY AS THE FEMALE HORMONE MIGHT MAKE IT WORK AGAIN...
EH?
GREAT-GRANDMA, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO USE YOUR ABILITY...
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DIS-APPEAR, WASN'T IT?
Hmm~
I GUESS MY ♡SKIPPED AND I COULD BRIEFLY USE IT...
She's right
WELL, IT HASN'T BEEN PROVEN SCIENTIFICALLY AND I GUESS IT VARIES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS.
I-IS THAT SO...?
Hormone...?
OUR POWER...
THE MORE THE SEX HORMONE WORKS, THE STRONGER OUR ABILITIES BECOME.
THAT'S TRUE...
SO... YOU SHOULD FIND THE BEST PARTNER...
AND BEFORE YOU GO TO WORK OR INTO BATTLE
HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH A PERSON YOU LOVE SO YOU CAN MAXIMIZE YOUR POWER...
Ku ku ku
Great-Grandma?!
Female hormone level up!
INTER-COURSE?!
INTER-COURSE?!
That term is old but sounds nasty
MEMO
It's starting to be weird manga, isn't it?

OH... THIS IS BAD.
I'M LOSING MY ABILITY
SHURI... LET ME READ YOUR MIND ONE LAST TIME
DON'T CLOSE YOUR MIND OFF...
HMM
HMM
ALL RIGHT...
YOU ARE A STUPID GREAT-GRANDKID
HER BLOOD PRESSURE
IS GETTING LOW TOO FAST.
GREAT-GRAND-MA?!
GREAT-GRAND-MA?!
HANG IN THERE!!
Y—
YOU...
SHURI...

YOU... HAVE ALREADY FORGIVEN YOUR PARENTS... WHO DIDN'T LOVE YOU...
EVEN IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW... YOU WILL BE OKAY... YOU... CAN OVERCOME THEM...
COUGH
MOREOVER... STILL... YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEM... WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL..
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT YOU ARE...
AND WHEN I WAS LITTLE, GREAT-GRANDMA WAS BY MY SIDE...
BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH ME WHEN I HEARD MY PARENT'S MIND, 'I SHOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO HER',
AND MY HEART WAS DYING...
AND MINORI AND SAHO-SAN HAS BEEN AROUND ME...
I HAVE YOU TA NOW
THAT'S... BECAUSE
GREAT-GRANDMA...
YOU... YOU ARE STUPID THOUGH...

MORE THAN ANY GRAND-CHILDREN OR GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN, YOU ARE SWEET ...
MORE THAN ANYONE.
MY SWEET SHURI.
SWEET
YOU ARE WHINY
REALLY
MY SUPER STUPID GREAT-GRANDKID
MY SWEET SHURI...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO HEAR YOUR MIND GREAT-GRAND-MA...
NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY...
THIS VULNER-ABLE KID... I'M WOR-RIED...
IN THIS HARSH WORLD.
JEEP
JEEP
Heh...
LET ME GO IN PEACE ...
YOU SURE ARE STUPID .
YOU SHOULD LIVE LIKE YOUR NAME, YOU'RE CHITOSE*, RIGHT?
GREAT-GRAND-MA .
AND I WAS REBORN IN THIS PLACE...
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT 'I CAN LIVE'
*N. CHITOSE, OR 千歳, LITERALLY MEANS "A THOUSAND YEARS"

STAY WITH ME!
YOU CAN'T... GRANNY!
MORE THAN ANYONE.
I'VE ALWAYS WISHED FOR YOUR HAPPINESS ...
MY SWEET SHURI ...
GREAT-GRAND-MA!!
GRANNY
SHY AND WHINY ...
WHAT A STUPID KID,
SHURI...
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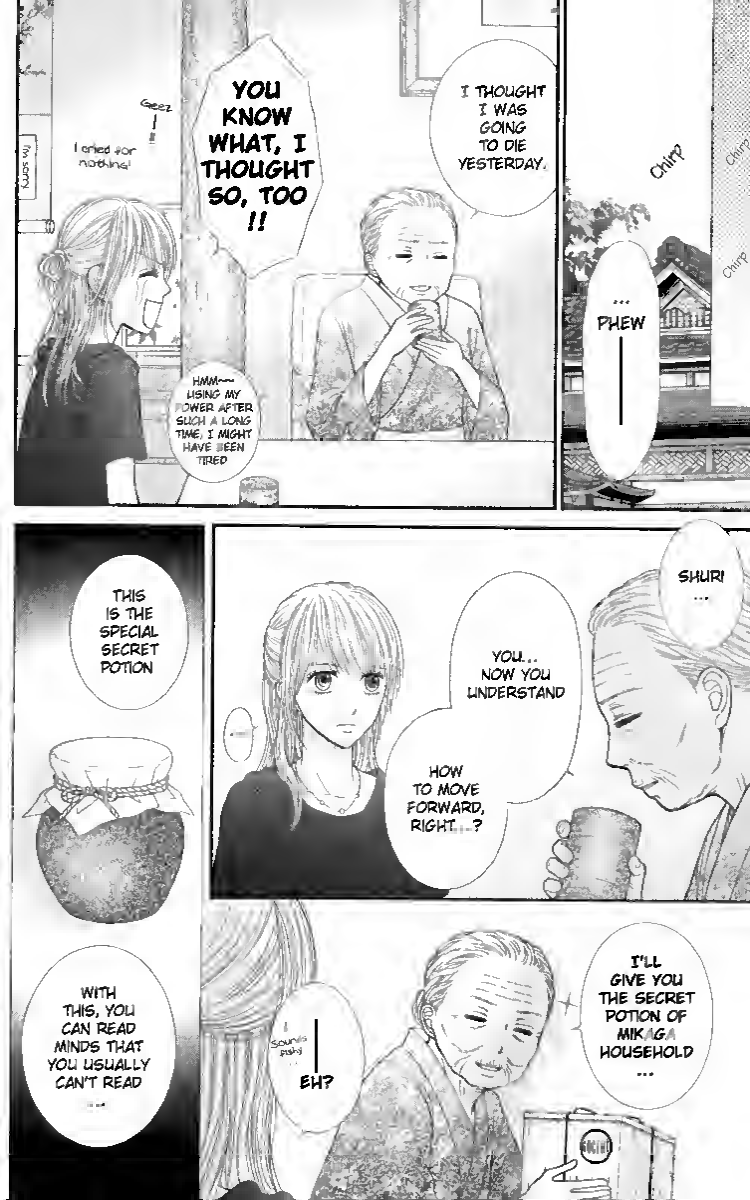
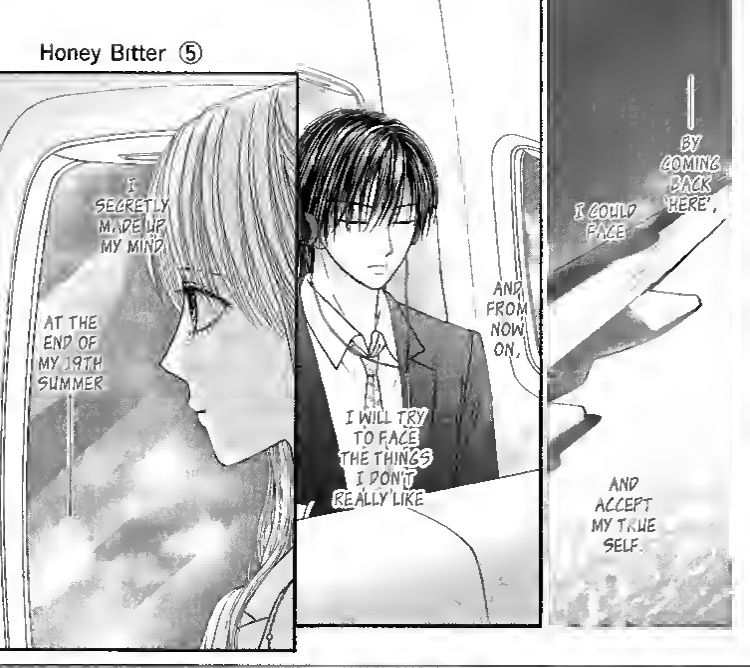

Geez !
I cried for nothing!
Kuso ya
YOU KNOW WHAT, I THOUGHT SO, TOO !!
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE YESTERDAY.
HMM— USING MY POWER AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN TIRED
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
... PHEW
SHUIR! ...
YOU... NOW YOU UNDERSTAND
HOW TO MOVE FORWARD, RIGHT...?
THIS IS THE SPECIAL SECRET POTION
WITH THIS, YOU CAN READ MINDS THAT YOU USUALLY CAN'T READ
Sounds risky
EH?
I'LL GIVE YOU THE SECRET POTION OF MIKAGA HOUSEHOLD ...

TN COOKIE IS A MONTHLY MANGA MAGAZINE THAT HE HAS BEEN SERIALIZED IN
SHURI ...
No~~ It's the Secret Potion.
GRANNY?
I WONDER IF SHE'LL WRITE IT IN COOKIE?
KU KU KU ...
She absolutely won't
I know what you have done!
HAPPY
'THE BOOZY DETECTIVE SHURI' ...
USE IT WITH YOUR OWN JUDGMENT WHEN YOU WANT TO.
ISN'T THIS .. ALCOHOL?
Nope. It's the Secret Potion.
IT HAS A LITTLE ALCOHOL THOUGH.
COME BACK ANYTIME.
BUT.. IF YOU ARE TIRED,
BUT YOU STUCK TO YOUR ORIGINAL PLAN AND RETURNED TO TOKYO.
KEISUKE AND OTHER ESP POSSESSORS GAVE UP LIVING IN THE OUTER WORLD AND SETTLED HERE ..
THANK YOU... GREAT-GRAND-MA...
YEAH...
YOU ARE WHINY, BUT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE AN INNER STRENGTH ..
YOU'LL BE FINE.

I WONDER IF IT'S RELATED TO... INTERCO NO, I MEAN, HORMONES??
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE OTHER DAY,
I FELT LIKE SHURI-SAN'S POWER HAS INCREASED...
NEXT TIME IF YOU ASK ME "ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?",
R
R
I'LL ANSWER 'YES' WITHOUT HESITATING
Ah...
YEAH... NOW YOUR HAND...
FOR REAL...?
SHURI-SAN, DO YOU FEEL YOUR ♡ THROBBING, TOO?
P-U
I DON'T KNOW...
I AM SO CONFUSED
IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC
IF I CAN BE STRONGER
WITH MY FEELINGS FOR YOU TA...


I SECRETLY MADE UP MY MIND
AT THE END OF MY 19TH SUMMER
I WILL TRY TO FACE THE THINGS I DON'T REALLY LIKE
AND, FROM NOW ON,
BY COMING BACK 'HERE',
I COULD FACE
AND ACCEPT MY TRUE SELF.

GREAT-GRAND-MA,
I AM A STUPID GREAT-GRAND-CHILD.
BUT KEEP WATCHING OVER ME, JUST A LITTLE LONGER

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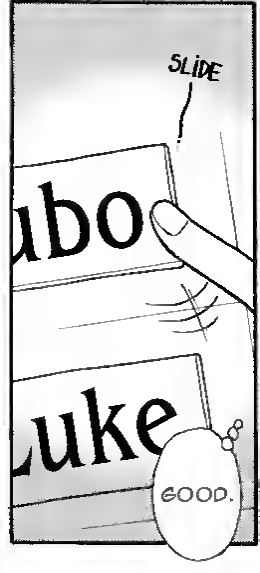

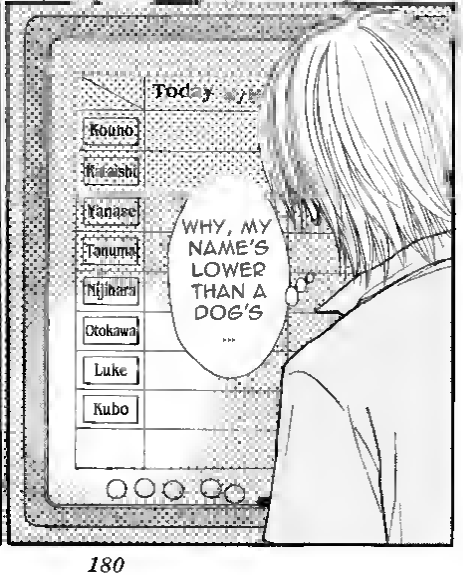

Today
Kouno
Kataishi
Yanase
Tamura
Nishiar
Otokawa
Luke
Kubo
OH?
Good morning!
.....
Give me a job!
SLIDE
Kubo
SLIDE
THAT'S WIERD ...
SLIDE
Quit ting time
WHYY ?!
Luke
Kubo

Luke
SLIDE
K
Darn—
WHY
IS
IT...
The
next
day
.....
.....
Luke
Kubo
Kouno
Katatshi
Yamase
Tanuma
Nijihara
Otobayu
Kubo
Luke
Today
Luke
He's
getting
all
worked
up

But at least above Luke's name...
I don't deserve to have my name plate so high up...
This is too good...
No way!
Today
Tomorrow
Sunday
Tuesday
Thursday
Ojiro
Ryo Ikuta
Luke
Tanuma
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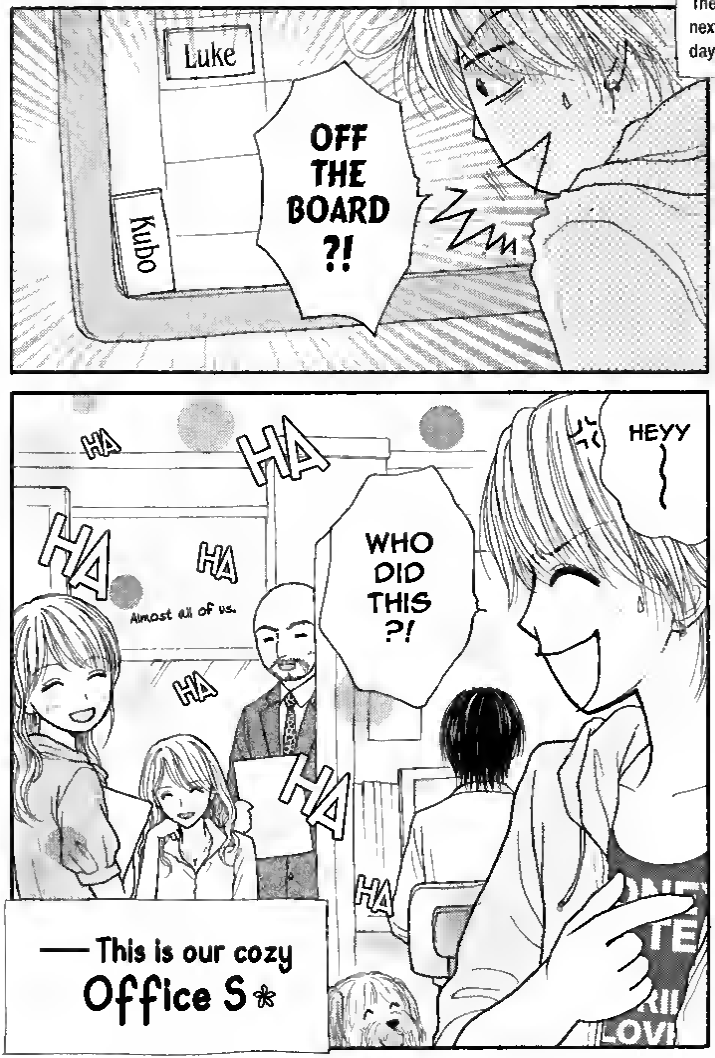
The next day
Luke
Kubo
OFF THE BOARD ?!
HEYY
WHO DID THIS ?!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
Almost all of us.
— This is our cozy Office S*

THE END

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Well, just it send to me, Obana, and I'll hand it to her

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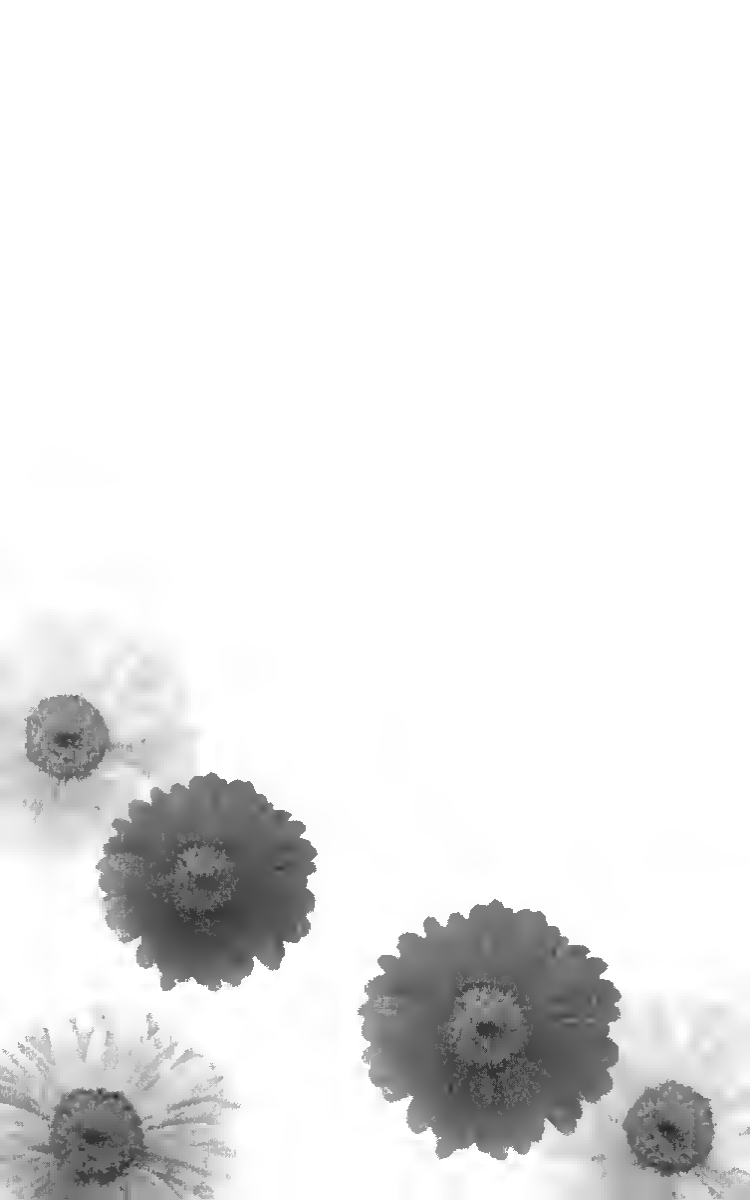
I look forward to seeing you in VOLUME 6!



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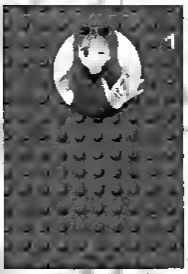

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